JUMP COMICS

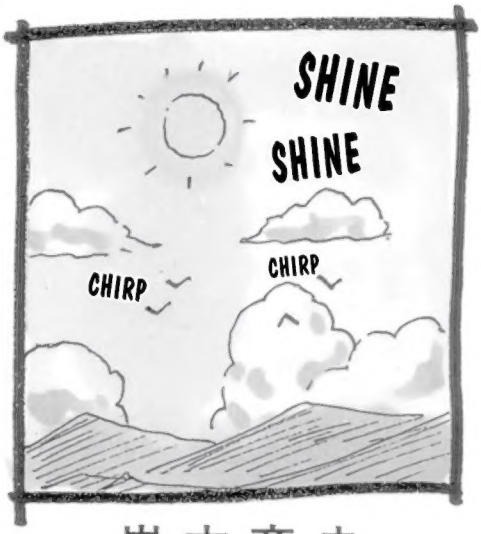
巻ノ三十三

極秘任務…!!

NARUTO
-ナルト-

岸本斉史

COLORED MANGA.COM



岸本斉史

There is one period during each day that is my favorite time...The hour between 10 and 11 in the morning. The reason is that everything always seems so refreshing and delightful at that hour. But because of looming deadlines, I usually end up sleeping through it...That refreshing and delightful feeling...what was it like again?

—Masashi Kishimoto, 2006

Author/artist Masashi Kishimoto was born in 1974 in rural Okayama Prefecture, Japan. After spending time in art college, he won the Hop Step Award for new manga artists with his manga **Karakuri** (Mechanism). Kishimoto decided to base his next story on traditional Japanese culture. His first version of **Naruto**, drawn in 1997, was a one-shot story about fox spirits; his final version, which debuted in **Weekly Shonen Jump** in 1999, quickly became the most popular ninja manga in Japan.

JUMP COMICS

NARUTO

ナルト

巻ノ三十三

極秘任務…!!

岸本斉史

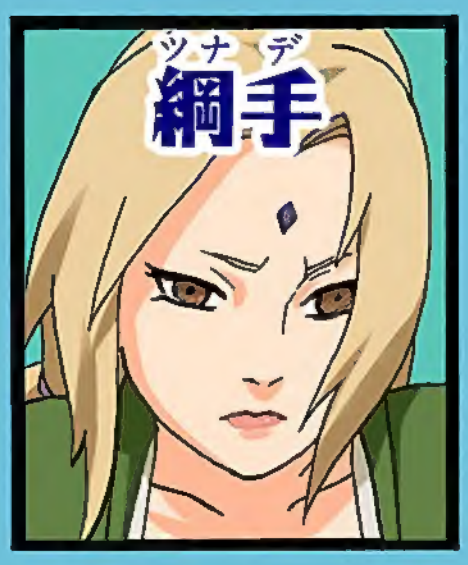
COLORED MANGA.COM

主な登場人物

春野サクラ

うずまき
ナルト

COLORED MANGA.COM



THE STORY SO FAR...

Against all odds, Uzumaki Naruto, the student least likely to graduate from the Ninja Academy in the village of konoha-gakure, becomes a ninja along with his classmates and closest friends, Sasuke and Sakura. During the chûnin Selection Exams, however, the turncoat ninja Orochimaru launches Operation Destroy Konoha, forcing Naruto's mentor, the Third Hokage, to sacrifice his own life to stop the attack and save the village.

Further tragedy follows when Sasuke succumbs to the lure of Orochimaru's power. Thogh Naruto fights valiantly to stop Sasuke from joining up with their worst enemy, he ultimately fails. After Sasuke flees with Orochimaru, Naruto vows to rescue his friend someday...

In the interim, two years pass and Naruto and his comrades once again confront the mysterious Akatsuki organization. But intellegence gained during that battle leads the new Team Kakashi to a secret rendevouz with an Akatsuki spy who turns out to be none other than the ever-duplicitous Kabuto! Unbeknownst to our heroes, the whole event takes place under the watchful eyes of Orochimaru...!

COLORED MANGA.COM

NARUTO
ーナルトー

巻ノ三十三

極秘任務…!!

もくじ

ナンバー 290：裏切りの結末!! 7

ナンバー 291：怒りの引き金!! 25

ナンバー 292：三本目…!! 42

ナンバー 293：暴走…!! 63

ナンバー 294：四本目…!! 81

ナンバー 295：九尾へ…!! 99

ナンバー 296：悲しき決着 117

ナンバー 297：サイの任務!! 135

ナンバー 298：極秘任務…!! 153

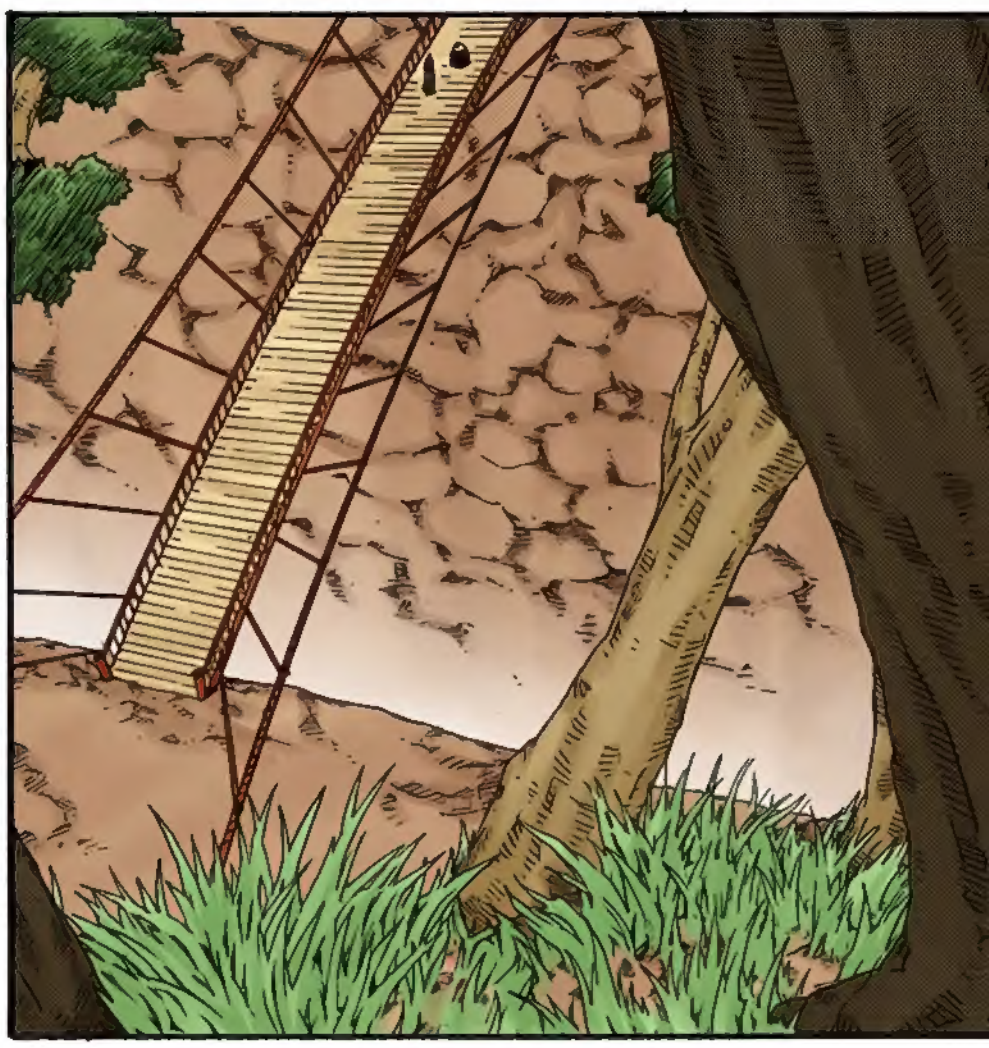
ナンバー 299：強さの源…!! 171

COLORED MANGA.COM

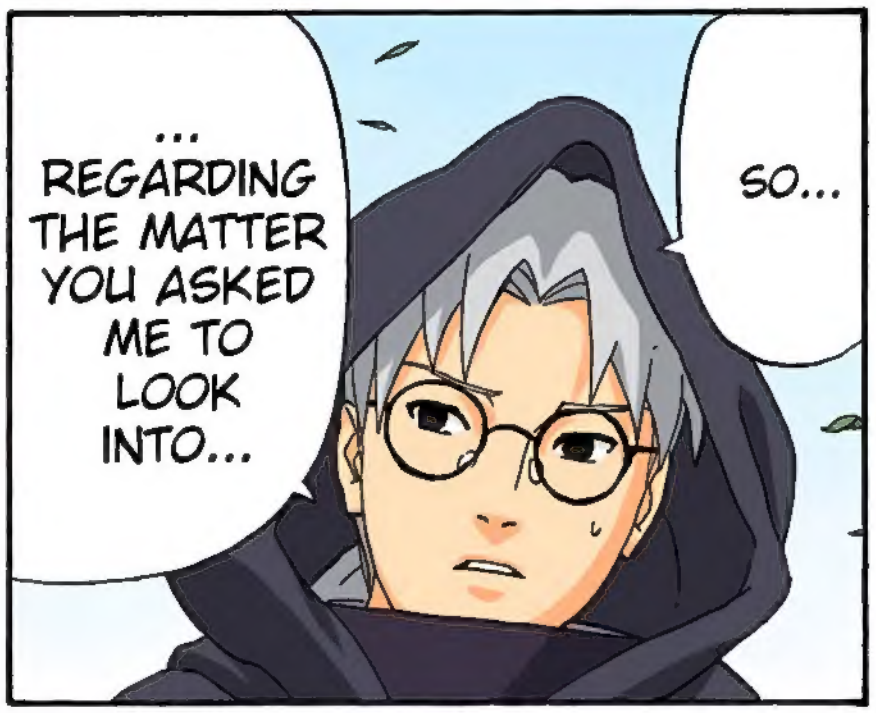
Consequences

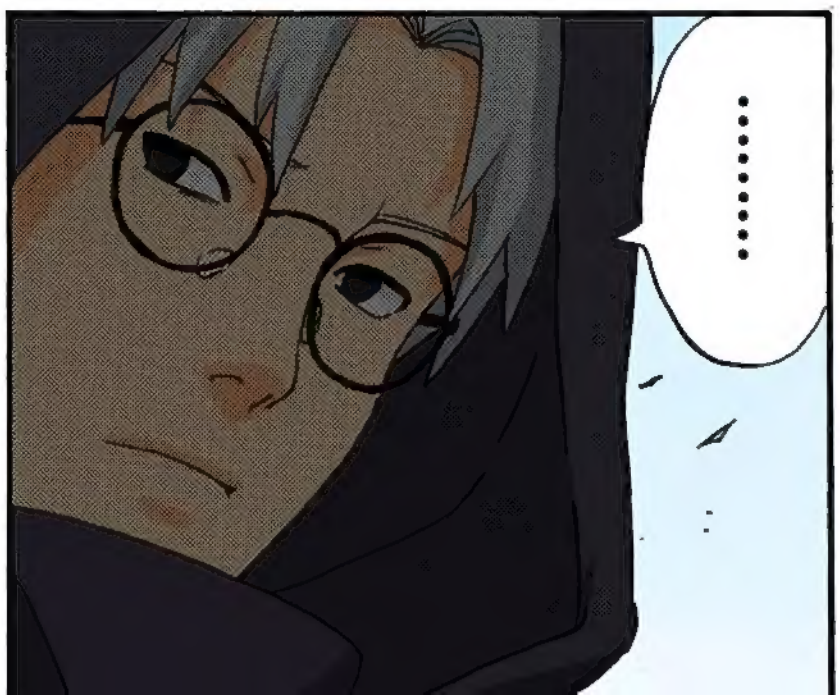
Number 290:

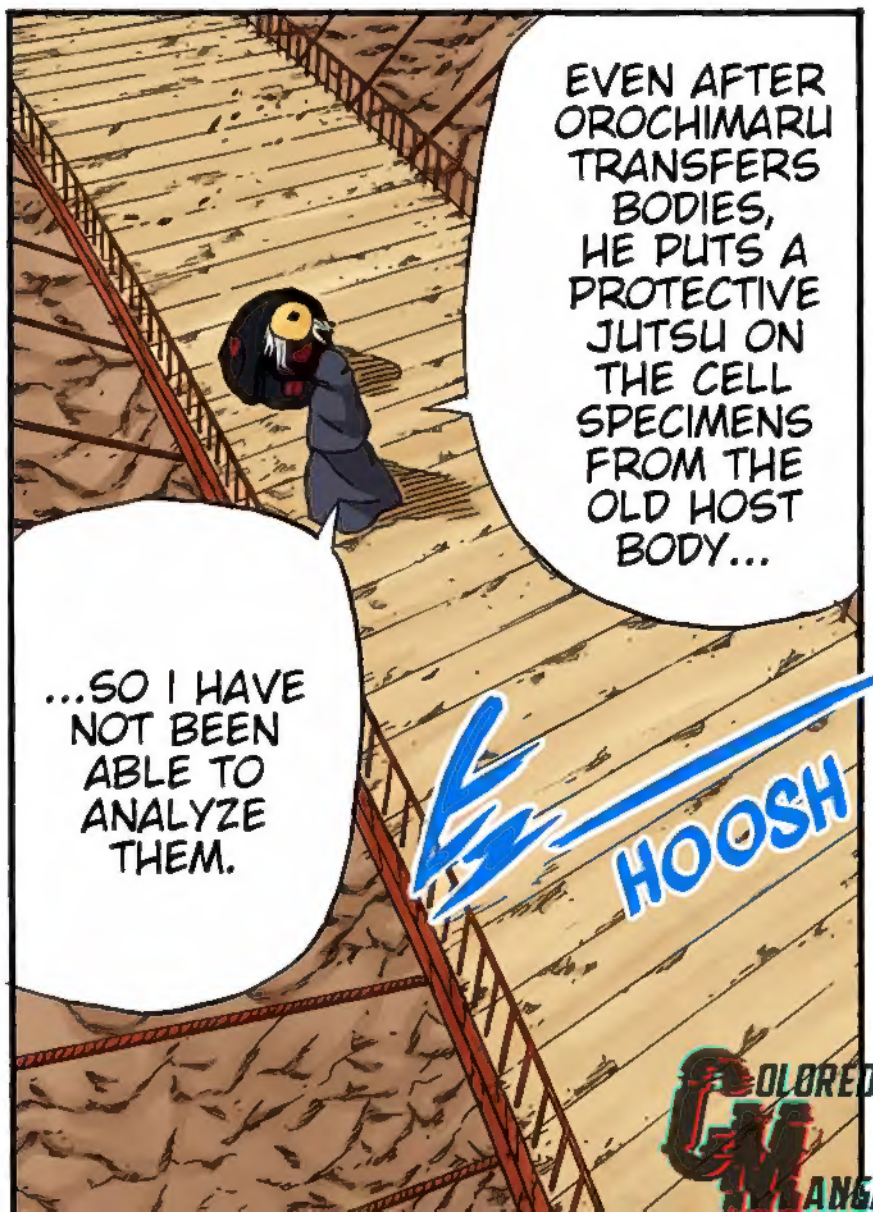
COLORED MANGA.COM



COLORED MANGA.COM






EVEN AFTER OROCHIMARU TRANSFERS BODIES, HE PUTS A PROTECTIVE JUTSU ON THE CELL SPECIMENS FROM THE OLD HOST BODY...
...SO I HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO ANALYZE THEM.
HOOSH

COLORED MANGA.COM

HE SHOULD JUST GRAB HIM ALREADY!!

...WHAT'S YAMATO WAITING FOR?

MAYBE... BUT YAMATO DOESN'T WANT KABUTO TO BECOME SUSPICIOUS,

IF HE DOES... THIS MISSION'S ALREADY FAILED.

BETTER SAFE THAN SORRY...

AND RISK THE MISSION IF HE FAILS?

THIS IS KABUTO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT.

COLORED MANGA.COM

...DEATH WILL BE THE LEAST OF MY WORRIES.

YOU KNOW WHAT I WANT. ...NOW GIVE IT TO ME.

IF OROCHIMARU DISCOVERS I MET WITH YOU...

LOOK, THIS IS TAKING TOO LONG.

ゴゴゴ

THIS IS IT...

...I'VE GOT TO DO THIS NOW!

VERY WELL...

WHIPP

.....!?

COLORED
NARUTOMANGA.COM

HNNH

INTERESTING COVERSATION.

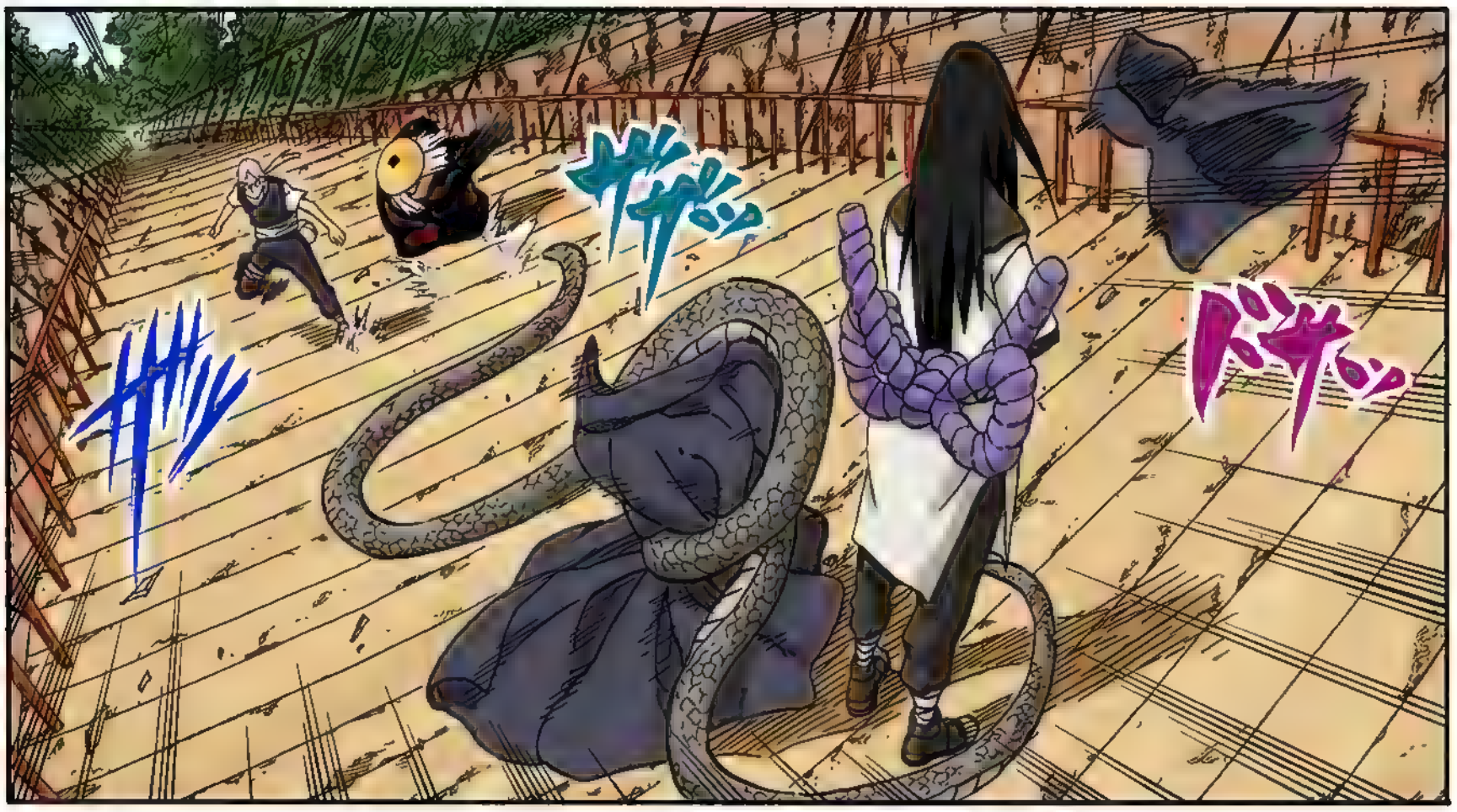
MIND IF I JOIN YOU?

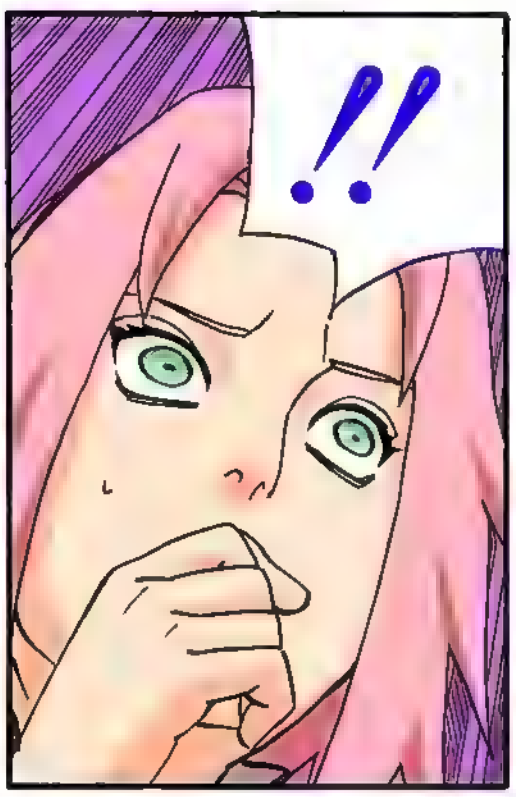
!!

!!

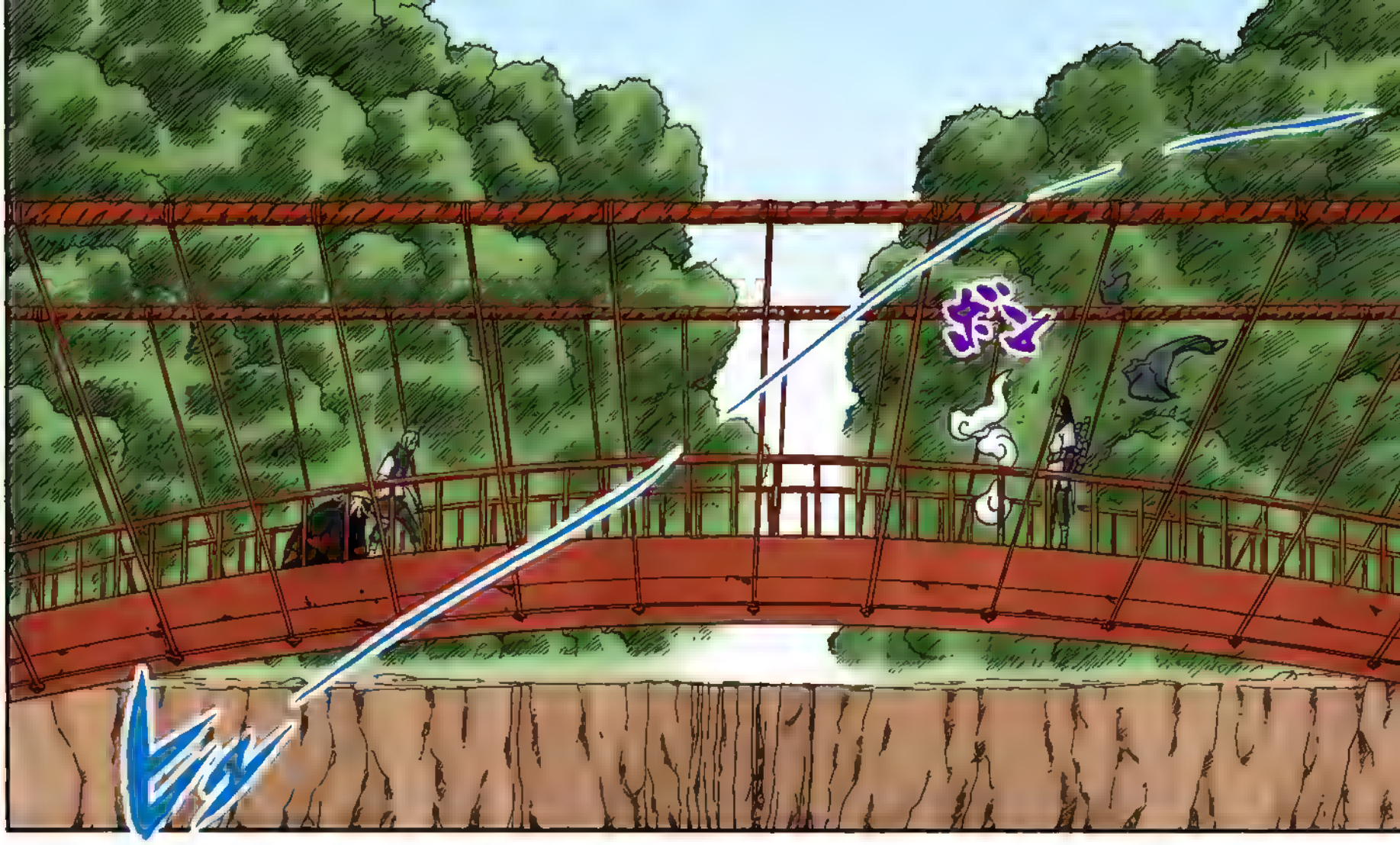
HE'S BEEN FOLLOWED!

COLORED MANGA.COM





COLORED MANGA.COM



AWW, COME NOW... I JUST WANTED TO SAY HELLO.

AND THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME THIS ONE... HE'S BEEN SO HANDY.

DID YOU FOLLOW KABUTO?

YOUR GARB... BRINGS BACK SUCH MEMORIES ...

SASORI.

THERE'S SUCH A SHORTAGE OF VOLUNTEERS, YOU KNOW...

THANKS TO KABUTO'S MEDICAL NINJUTSU SKILLS...

...I GET TO USE THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

EVERY TIME I DEVELOP A NEW JUTSU...

...I NEED AT LEAST 100 HUMAN BODIES TO EXPERIMENTS ON.

COLORED MANGA.COM

CAN'T TAKE ON OROCHIMARU ALONE...

...BUT IF I CALL THE OTHERS, I'LL ONLY PUT THEM AT RISK AS WELL.

NOTHING. WE SITE TIGHT TILL COMANDER YAMATO GIVES US THE SIGNAL.

WHAT DO WE DO?!

FIGHT THEM BOTH SIMULTANEOUSLY OR JUST RETREAT ...SEEM TO BE MY ONLY OPTIONS...

...UNLESS...

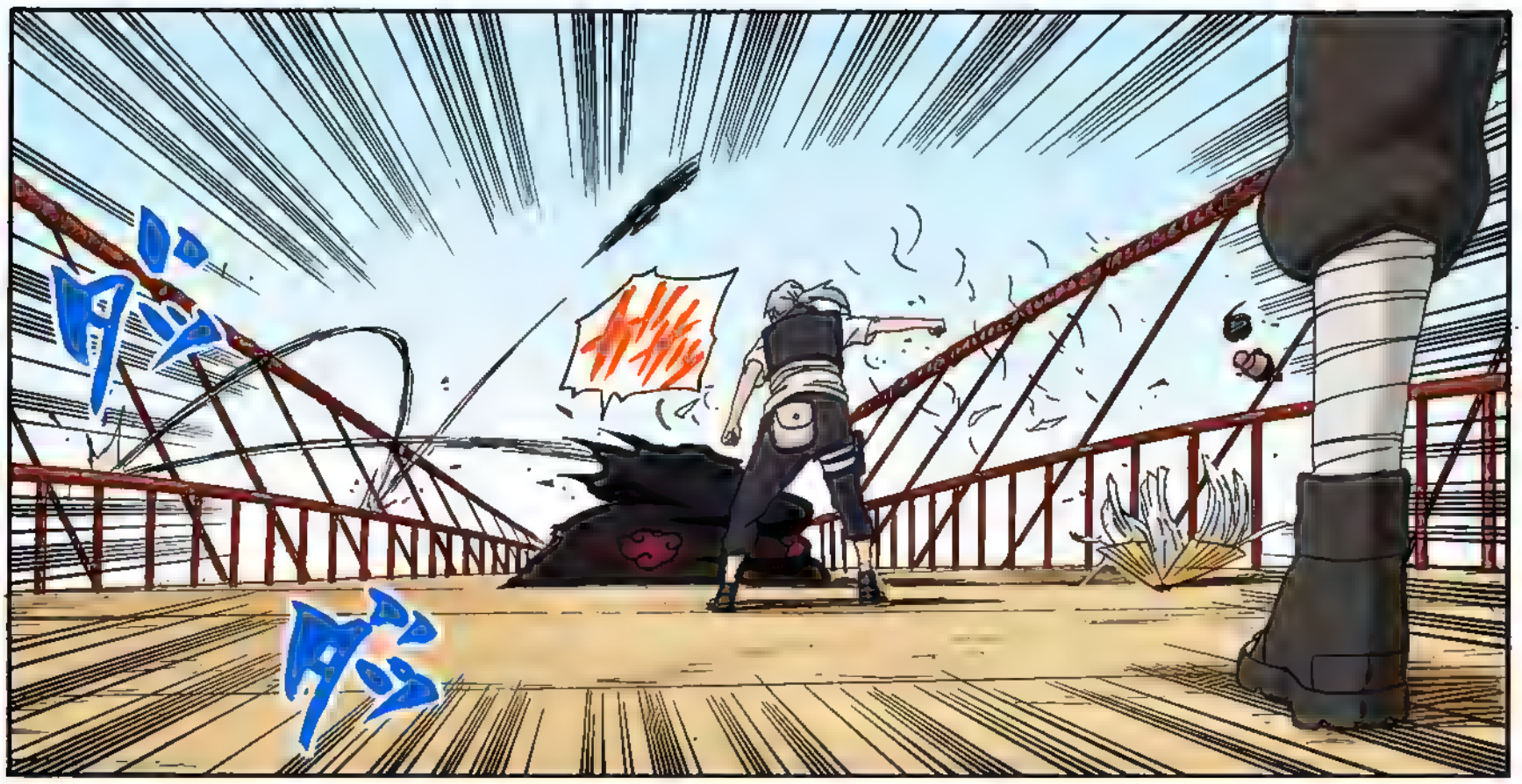
AND EVEN IF KABUTO AND I TEAM UP... KABUTO WILL NOTICE RIGHT AWAY FROM MY BATTLE STYLE THAT I'M NOT SASORI...

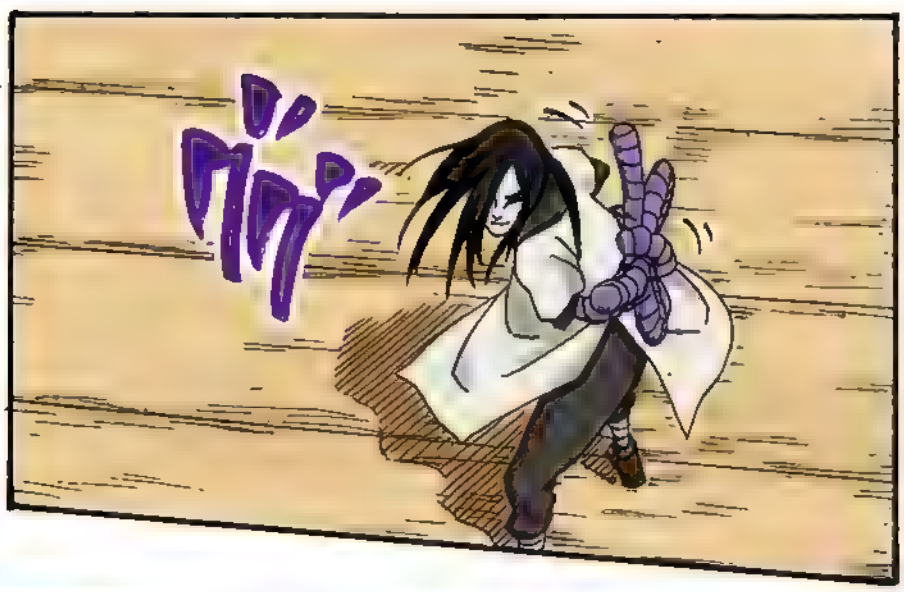
COLORED BY NARUTOMANGA.COM

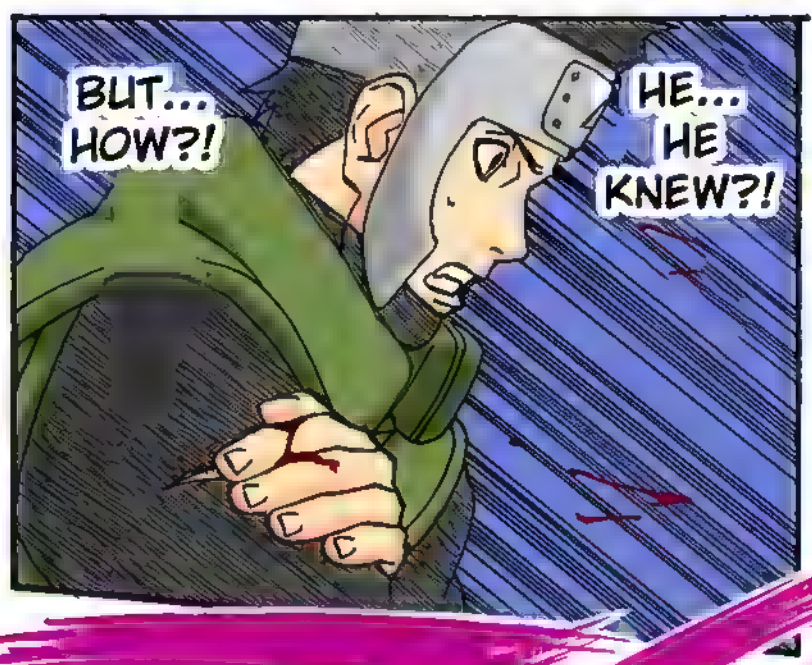
ガッ

!!?

COLORED MANGA.COM







COLORED
MANGA.COM

THWAP

THWAP

THWAP

UNNH!

SWISH

CHOMP

COLORED MANGA.COM

THUMP

HMPH...

YOU'RE *NOT*...

LORD OROCHIMARU... ARE YOU SAYING THIS ISN'T-

ガクン

A WOOD-STYLE SUBSTITUTION ...

HE ALWAYS HIDES IT BEHIND THOSE WEIRD PUPPETS OF HIS.

SUCH A DREARY FELLOW...

ALL THIS TIME AS HIS SUBORDINATE ... AND YOU'VE YET TO SEE THE MAN'S FACE?

SASORI!? NO, KABUTO... IT'S DEFINITELY NOT...

COLORED
NARUTOMANGA.COM

KABUTO... YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE AN AKATSUKI SPY...

...UNDER SASORI'S SLEEPER JUTSU...

.....

I..I DON'T UNDER-STAND!

...WHILE SECRETLY UNDER OROCHI-MARU'S JUTSU...

SO YOU WERE JUST PRETENDING TO BE UNDER SASORI'S SPELL...

.....

I'M AFRAID YOUR INTELLEGENCE IS OUT OF DATE... LORD OROCHIMARU REMOVED THAT PROBLEM A LONG TIME AGO...

LORD OROCHIMARU AND I SHARE A COMMON PHILOSOPHY...

WRONG AGAIN, I'M AFRAID.

COLORED BY MANGA.COM

YOU RUINED OUR PLANS FOR SASORI.

.....

WHO ARE *YOU*?

...I'M WITH HIM OF MY OWN FREE WILL.

...THE THREE BABY RATS HIDING BEHIND PAPA RAT HERE.

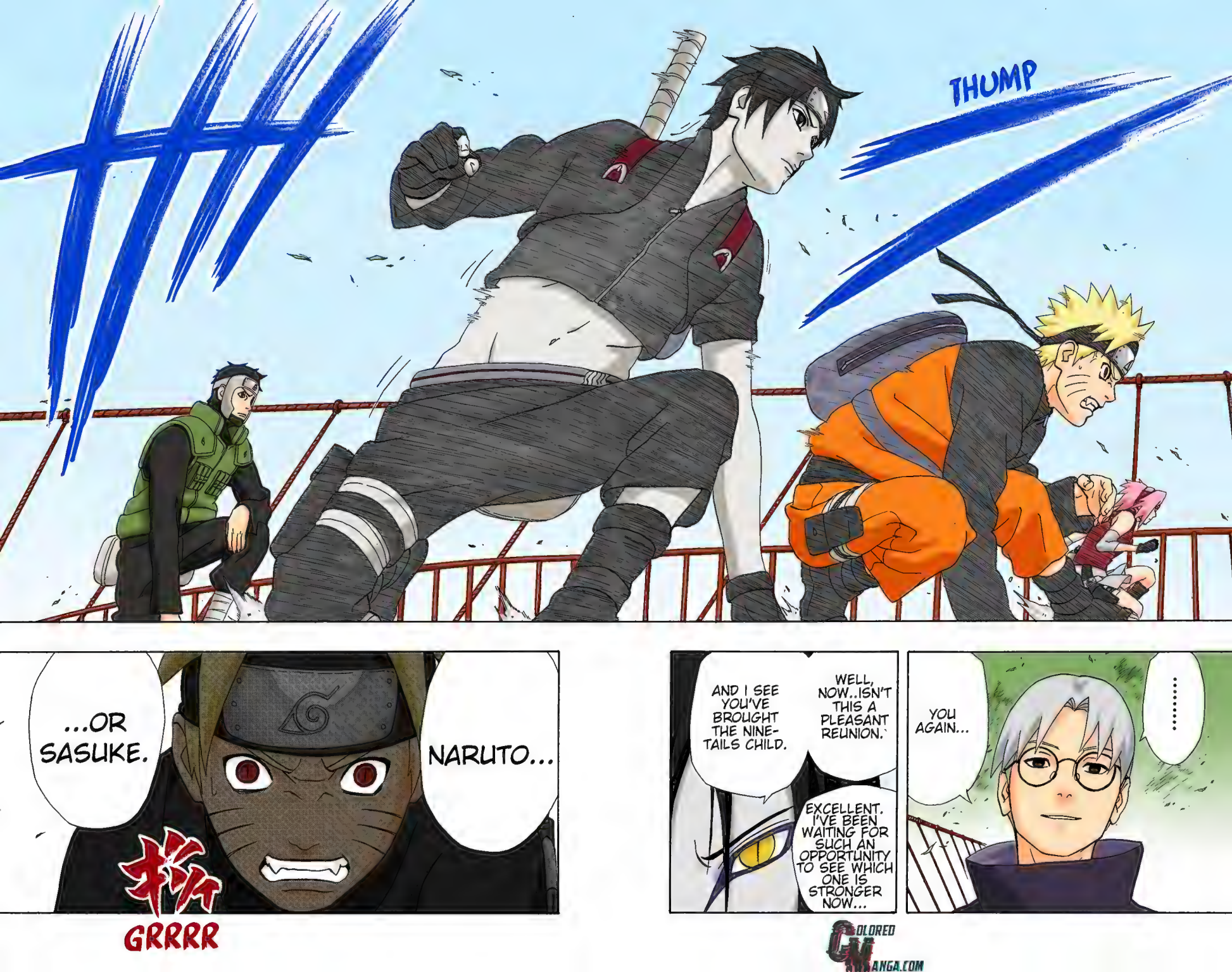
START-ING WITH...

PATIENCE, KABUTO. ALL WILL BE REVEALED IN DUE TIME.

カサッ

HE KNEW ALL ALONG ...!

COLORED MANGA.COM


THUMP
...OR SASUKE.
NARUTO...
GRRRR
AND I SEE YOU'VE BROUGHT THE NINE-TAILS CHILD.
WELL, NOW..ISN'T THIS A PLEASANT REUNION.
EXCELLENT. I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHICH ONE IS STRONGER NOW...
YOU AGAIN...
.....

OLORED
ANGA.COM

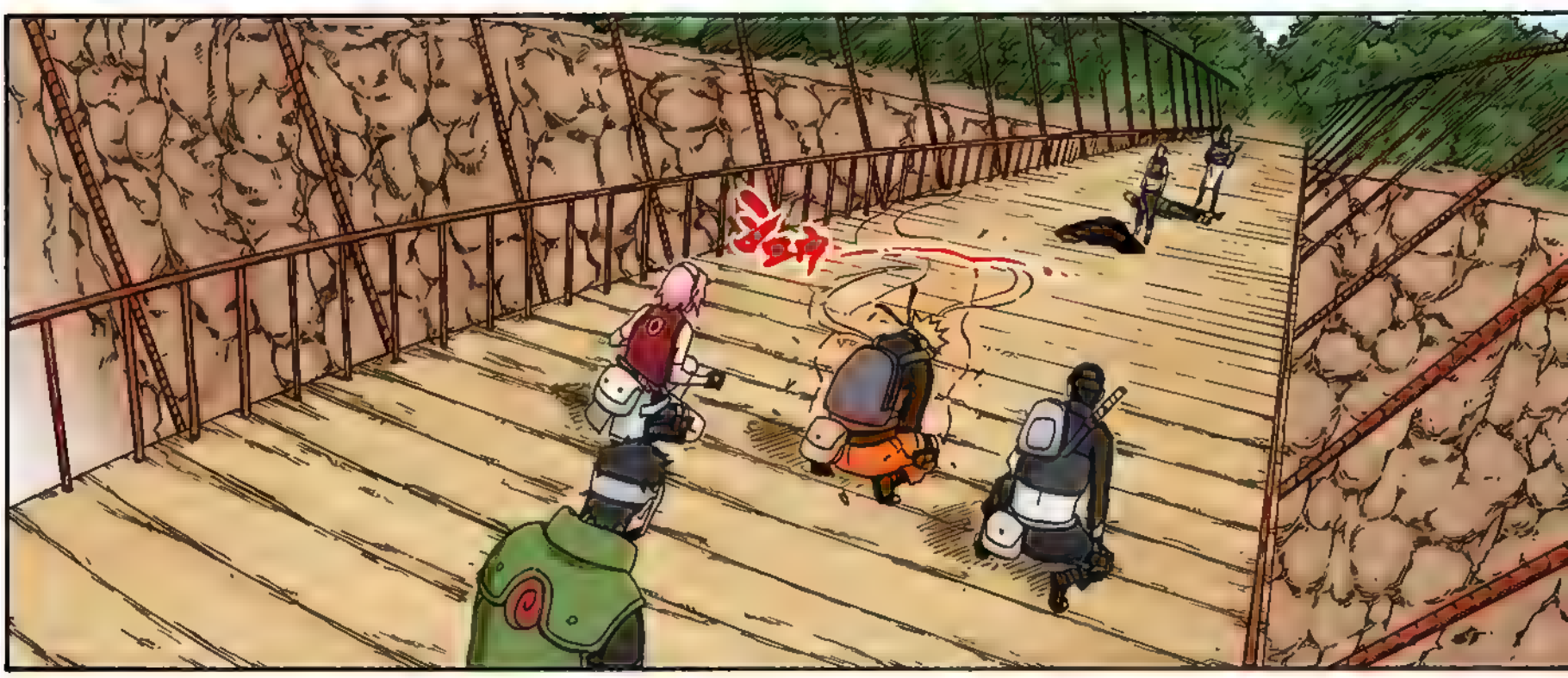
291: RAGE TRIGGER!!

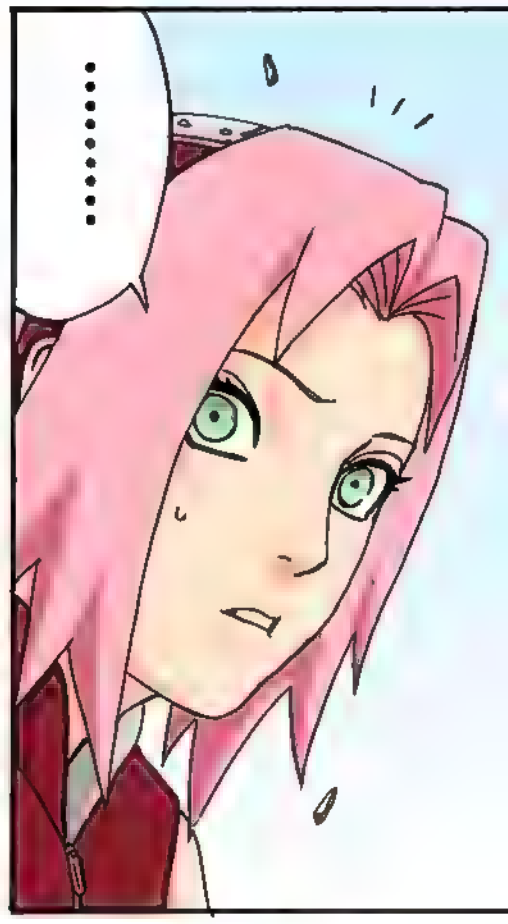
ナンバー 291・怒(いか)りの引(ひ)き金(がね)!!

COLORED MANGA.COM

...GIVE...

...SASUKE BACK...!





COLORED MANGA.COM

ドロッ

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST ACCEPT THE TRUTH?

SASUKE CAME TO US OF HIS OWN ACCORD, BECAUSE HE WANTED TO.

...YOU'LL HAVE TO FORCE ME TO TELL YOU...

IF YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT SASUKE...

...IF YOU CAN, THAT IS!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW PEOPLE ***FEEL***.

YOU ONLY KNOW COLD LOGIC.

SHUT UP, FOUR EYES!!

ドゴ

NARUTO-?!

ドゴ

HEY! WHAT-?!

COLORED
MANGA.COM

WHOOM
GRRRAAAR !!!
HOOSH
THAP

BOOM

SNAP

SNAP

HHHH

SKKCHHH

COLORED MANGA.COM

KREEAK

KREEAK

ゴゴゴ

……!?

ポン

ポン

ポン

……!

…WHAT IN THE WORLD…?

…WHAT IS THIS…?!

NARUTO…

……

COLORED
NARUTOMANGA.COM

HUH... SO THEY'RE STARTING TO EMERGE, EH...

.....

...FROM THE LOOKS OF THAT CHAKRA...

...THE NUMBER OF TAILS WILL ONLY KEEP INCREASING ...

...UNTIL...

.....

.....

...ALL NINE *MANI-FEST!*

SIGH ...

TUG

LORD JIRAIYA, HOW MANY HAVE YOU SEEN SO FAR....?

'COURSE, THAT WAS JUST WHEN I TRIED TO DO RESEARCH AT THE WOMEN'S BATH AT A HOT SPRING...

...AND GOT CLOBBERED BY YOU, TSUNADE...

BUT THE OTHER...

THE FIRST TIME, I GOT SIX BROKEN RIBS, BROKE BOTH MY ARMS, AND HAD SEVERAL RUPTURED ORGANS...

I'VE TANGOED WITH DEATH TWICE IN MY LIFE NOW.

ｶﾞｸ

ﾊﾟｻ

.....

.....

.....!

...THAT HAPPENED WHILE TRAINING NARUTO...

...WHEN THE FOURTH TAIL OF THE NINE-TAILS' CHAKRA EMERGED.

IT WAS LIKE HE BECAME A MINI-FOX DEMON.

UP THROUGH THE THIRD TAIL, NARUTO WAS ABLE TO RETAIN CONSCIOUS CONTROL...

RAGE... THAT'S WHAT TRIGGERS THE FOX SPIRIT'S POWER TO GROW AND MULTIPLY.

...AND HE WAS OVERCOME BY DESTRUCTIVE IMPULSES.

...BUT WHEN THE FOURTH APPEARED, HIS MIND WAS OVER-POWERED...

AND THAT'S NOT EVEN THE BAD NEWS...

...IS EVIDENCE THAT THE FOURTH HOKAGE'S SEAL SPELL IS ***WEAKENING***.

STILL NOT CERTAIN ABOUT THE PARTICULARS, BUT WHAT I'VE WITNESSED FIRSTHAND...

EVEN WITH THE FOURTH HOKAGE'S SEAL SPELL FORMULA ...

...HE CAN STILL ...?

COLORED MANGA.COM

...HIS WHOLE BODY SUFFERED SEVERE INJURIES. HE RAN AMOK, COVERED IN BLOOD.

WHEN THAT FOURTH TAIL EMERGED ...

...THE TRUTH IS HIS BODY IS CONTINUOUSLY BEING HARMED BY THAT SAME AURA.

THOUGH IT LOOKS LIKE NARUTO IS BEING PROTECTED BY A CHAKRA AURA OF THE FOX DEMON WHILE IN THE NINE-TAILS STATE...

...AND IT'LL *KILL* HIM A LOT SOONER THAN LATER.

...BUT IF THIS CONTINUES, IT MAY BE MORE THAN HIS BODY CAN TAKE. THE DAMAGE MAY BECOME IRREPARABLE ...

AFTER THE FOX DEMON'S CHAKRA AURA DISAPPEARED ...

...NARUTO'S INTERNAL NINE TAILS CHAKRA HEALED HIS BODY...

AND THAT IS WHY YOUR PRESENCE IS CRUCIAL ...

...YAMATO.

.....

OLORES

YOU CARRY THE FIRST HOKAGE'S CELLS WITHIN YOU.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE RIGHT NOW WHO'S CAPABLE OF CONTROLLING NARUTO-AS-HOST.

...WE'RE COUNTING ON YOU...

AND THAT NECKLACE YOU'RE WEARING... LORD FIRST'S...

...YOU'RE GONNA NEED IT..

THE NINE-TAILS' POWER IS GETTING STRONGER AND STRONGER...

NARUTO... YOU'VE MATURED QUITE A BIT AS A JINCHURIKI HOST.

NARUTO...

A JINCHURIKI IS CAPABLE OF INCREDIBLE POWER BY RESONATING WITH THEIR BIJUU.

!

*KRNNCH

*KRNNCH

*KRNNCH

COLORED MANGA.COM

YOU'RE GETTING QUITE JINCHURIKI-LIKE...

...LITTLE FOX...

*KRNNCH

!

.....

!

!

SO THAT'S WHY... *HE* WAS CHOSEN TO BE YOUR WATCHDOG, EH?

SEEMS SOME OF MY EXPERIMENTS CAME IN HANDY AFTER ALL.

*KRNNCH *KRNNCH

.....?

DON'T YOU THINK..?

MY CUTE LITTLE EXPERI-MENT...

KONOHA REALLY OUGHT TO BE MORE GRATEFUL TO ME..

...THE ONE PERSON WHO HAD TOTAL CONTROL OVER THE TAILED BEASTS. NAMELY, THE FIRST HOKAGE...

..BUT ALSO ...

THERE WAS A TIME I SOUGHT THE POWER OF THE SHINOBI, WHO WAS NOT ONLY THE ULTIMATE WOOD STYLE NINJUTSU MASTER...

RUB

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

EXPERI-MENT...?

COLORED
NARUSANGA.COM

...AND INSERTED IT INTO THE CELLS OF 60 CHILDREN.

...SO I EXTRACTED HIS DNA...

I THOUGHT THEY'D ALL PERISHED...

...I CAN'T BELIEVE THERE WAS A SURVIVOR...

THEY DIED IN RAPID SUCCESSION, ONE AFTER ANOTHER...

UNFORTUNATELY, THEIR INFERIOR BODIES REJECTED THE SUPERIOR GENETIC MATERIAL.

...WELL, LORD OROCHIMARU... IF ONE EXPERIMENT WAS A SUCCESS, WE COULD OBTAIN A SAMPLE...

SO *THAT'S* WHY HE CAN USE THE FIRST HOKAGE'S JUTSU...!

.....

COLORED MANGA.COM

*BLUB
*BLUB
ボヨボヨ
!
YOU DON'T OWN SASUKE...
...WHO IS STRONGEST ...
YESSSS... TIME TO PIT SASUKE AGAINST NARUTO AND SEE ONCE AND FOR ALL...
SKREEEE
SKREEEE
ESPECIALLY IN FRONT OF ME!
DON'T TALK ABOUT SASUKE LIKE YOU OWN HIM!
COLORED
MANGA.COM

ナンバー292：THE THIRD TAIL...!!

第六回キャラクター

1位／うちはサスケ	3242票	7位／我愛羅	1934票
2位／はたけカカシ	2916票	8位／日向ネジ	1785票
3位／デイダラ	2555票	9位／四代目火影	1458票
4位／うずまきナルト	2283票	10位／奈良シカマル	1409票
5位／うみのイルカ	2232票	11位／うちはイタチ	1369票
6位／サソリ	1949票	12位／春野サクラ	1359票

人気投票結果発表!!

13位／日向ヒナタ	1048票	19位／カンクロウ	519票	25位／不知火ゲンマ	230票
14位／薬師カブト	829票	20位／マイト・ガイ	503票	26位／油女シノ	226票
15位／犬塚キバ	677票	21位／猿飛アスマ	449票	27位／白	168票
16位／テマリ	671票	22位／テンテン	395票	28位／多由也	164票
17位／山中いの	662票	23位／月光ハヤテ	283票	29位／綱手	161票
18位／ロック・リー	640票	24位／大蛇丸	237票	30位／君麻呂	148票

COLORED
MANGA.COM

NARUTO
-ナルト-

COLORED
MANGA.COM

WHAT IS THAT CHAKRA?!

.....

THAT'S...

THE AIR PRESSURE... LIKE A THOUSAND TINY BEES...

*STING

*STING

*VAVOOSH

COLORED

ANGA.COM

*ZWIRL

RRRR..

COLORED
MANGA.COM

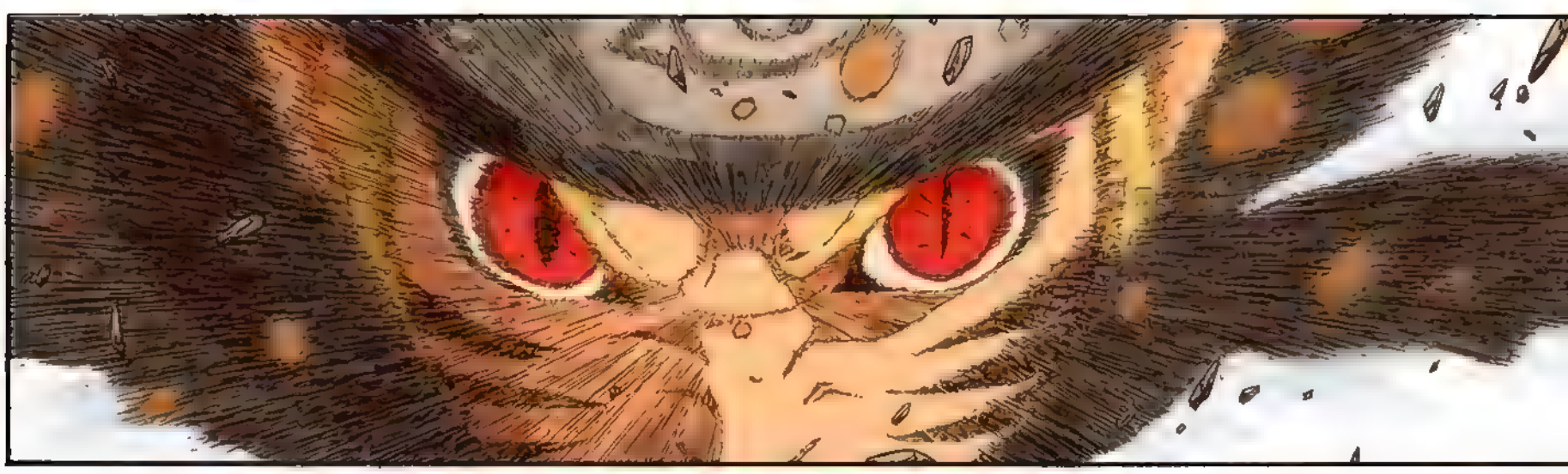
.....

*GLUB

*GLUB GLUB...

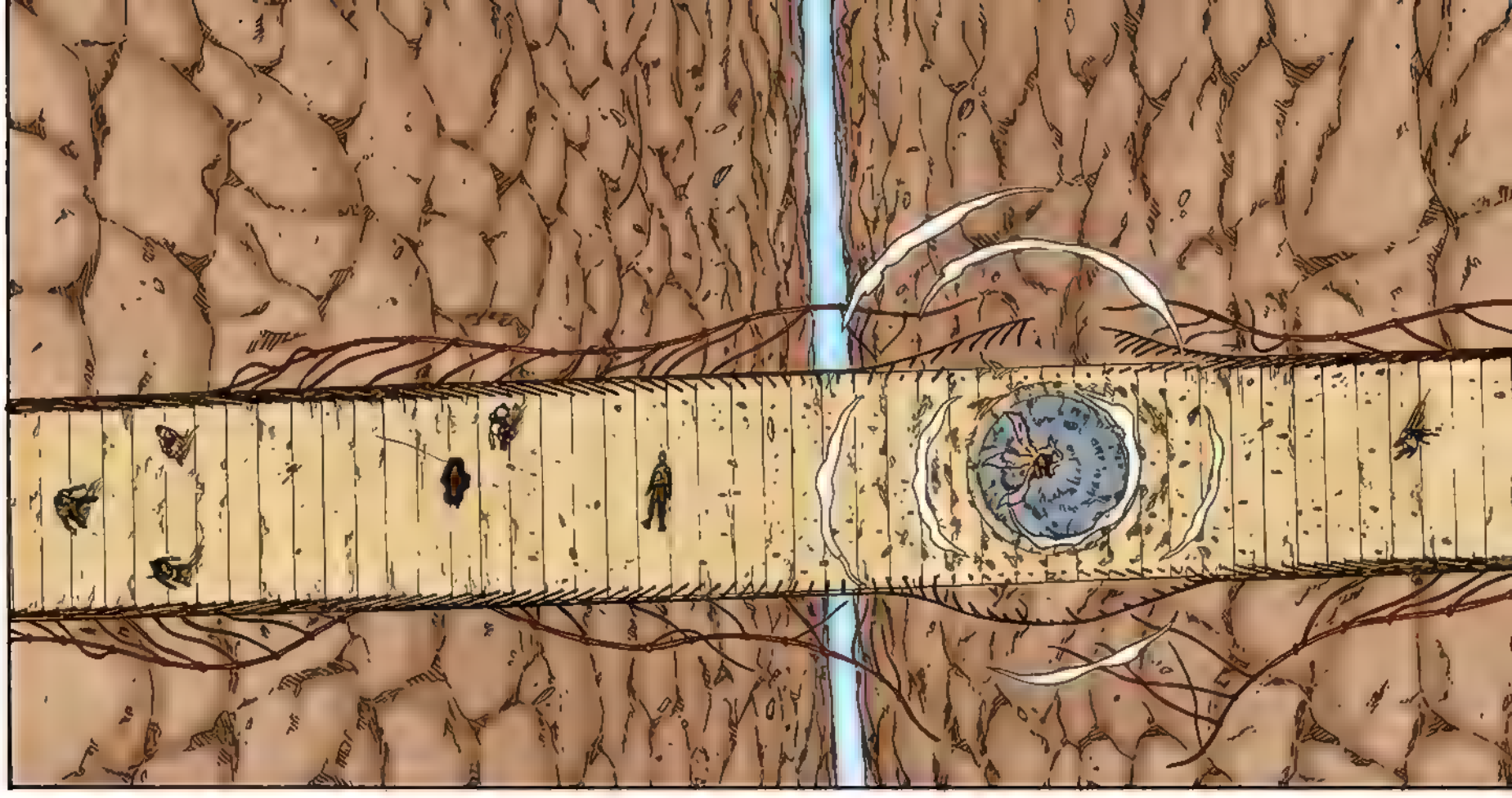
COLORED MANGA.COM

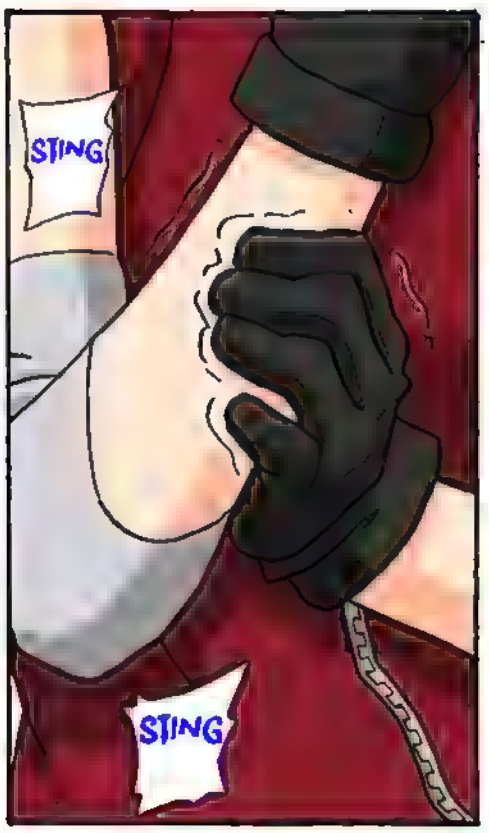
AAAAAR!!!

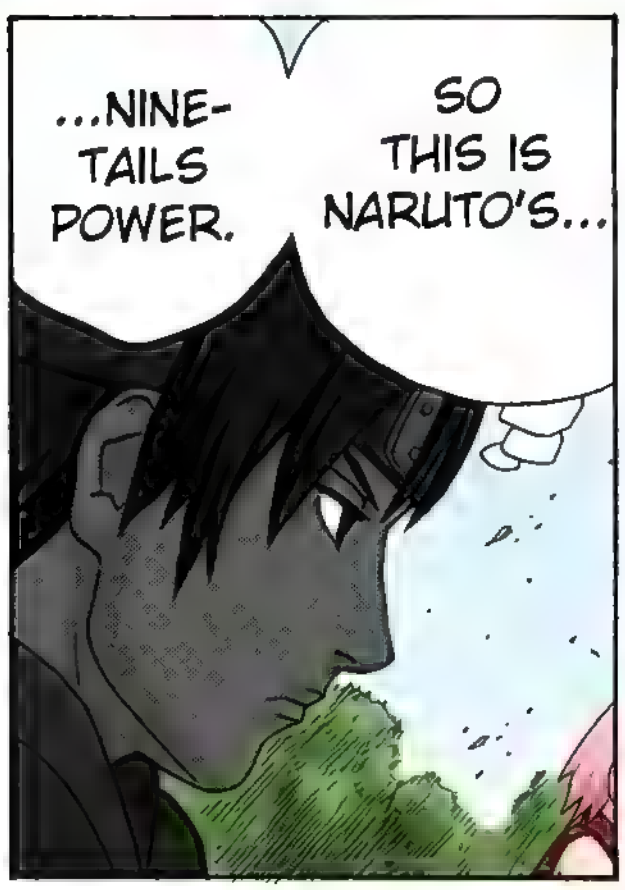


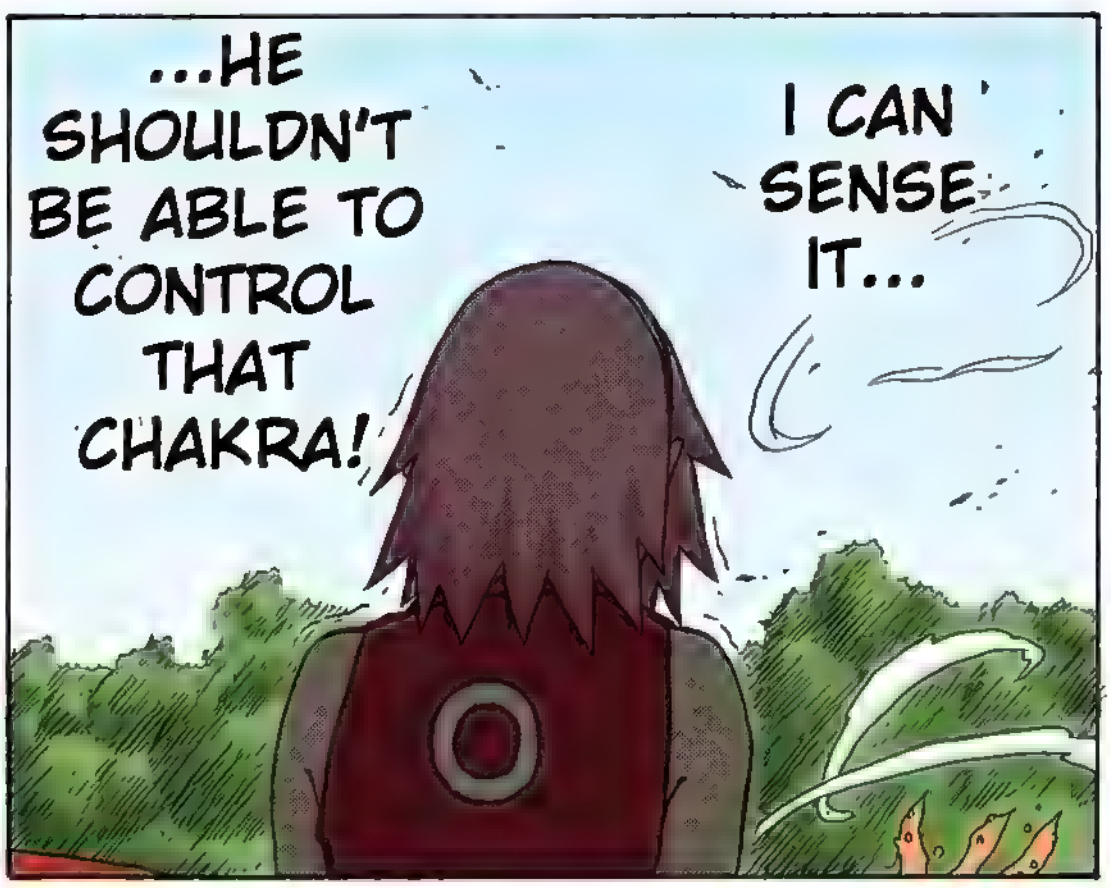
COLORED MANGA.COM

*DNNN
*DNNN
ガキィン
*DZZZZ
*BzZzZzT
ブブブブ
*CRACKLE
ブブブブ
ブブブブ
*VOOSH
INTRIGUING...
COLORED
MANGA.COM









COLORED MANGA.COM

*HOOSH

*GLUP...

*BZZZ

KAAH!!

!

COLORED MANGA.COM

BOOM

KA-THOOM

COLORED
MANGA.COM

AIEE!

*SKKSSSH

THUD

*KRRSH

ドドドド

ドッ…

*SMAKK

*WOBBLE

ガタッ

!

FWHOOM

ドドン

UNNH …

ALL THAT… WITH JUST HIS CHAKRA…?

COLORED
NARUTOMANGA.COM

KSSH

ゴゴゴゴ

KSSH

ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ

CRUMBLE

110

WOOD STYLE!!!

CLMP

HRK!

ダダダ

*SHFF...

ズン

PHOOM

ズン

PHOOM

COLORED

ANGA.COM

KRRREAK

CLATTER

CLATTER

CLATTER

*VWHOOSH

!

WHUP

THUNK

*BOWWW

WHSS

COLORED
MANGA.COM

SPROING

SHE COULDN'T HAVE FAINTED, COULD SHE?

DID SHE HIT HER HEAD?

RRRMMBLE

*RRRMM

!

*SHFF...

...TIME FOR MY REAL MISSION TO BEGIN.

FLAP

RRRMMBLE...

RRRMMBLE...

AT LEAST...

FFP

COLORED BY MANGA.COM

THE ART OF CARTOON BEAST MIMICRY!!

THIP

DO DO DO

RRRMMBLE

VWOOSH

*SKRITCH

SKRITCH

*PHOOM

*PHOOM

PHOOM*

TAP

SAI!! CATCH SAKURA...!

*SHHFF...

FIV

COLORED

MANGA.COM

FLAP

!

WHISSS

SWISH

SAKURA!

WHOOOSH

SLAP

COLORED MANGA.COM

PHEW...

.....

THWAK

SHUDDER

!

COLORED BY NARUTOFANGA.COM

POP

KA

BOOM

*BOOM

ドドドド…

シュルルル…

FIZZZZ...

COLORED

ANGAICOM

SQUELCH

SQUELCH

LITTLE FOX, YOU'RE NOT EVEN IN THE SAME LEAGUE AS SASUKE...

*CLOPP

*CRRRACK

EVEN WITH A JINCHURIKI'S POWER... THAT'S THE BEST YOU CAN DO?

*STRETCH

*TEAR

BLUB BLUB...

GRR...

COLORED MANGA.COM

COLORED
MANGA.COM

293: RAMPAGE...!!

COLORED MANGA.COM

ボコボコ

*BRBBLE *BRBBLE

!

BRBBLE

ボコゴゴ

BRRBLE BRBBLE

HRK...

ア

FRRTH

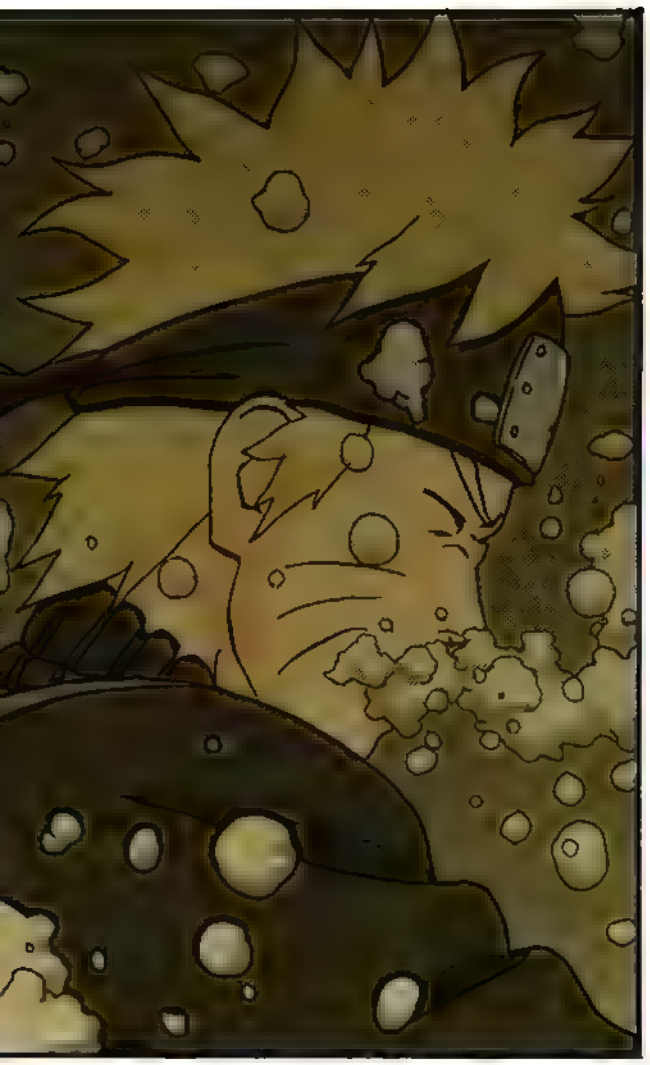
ボゴ ボコゴボ ゴ

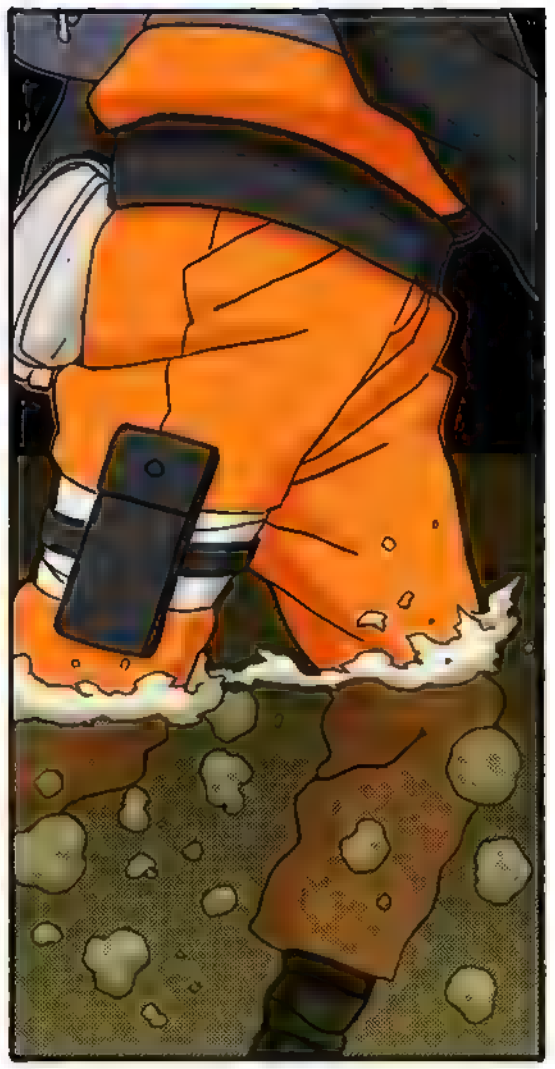
FRRTH

*BRBBLE *BRBBLE *BRBBLE

JUST YOU WAIT..

COLORED MANGA.COM





COLORED MANGA.COM

HRRRRR

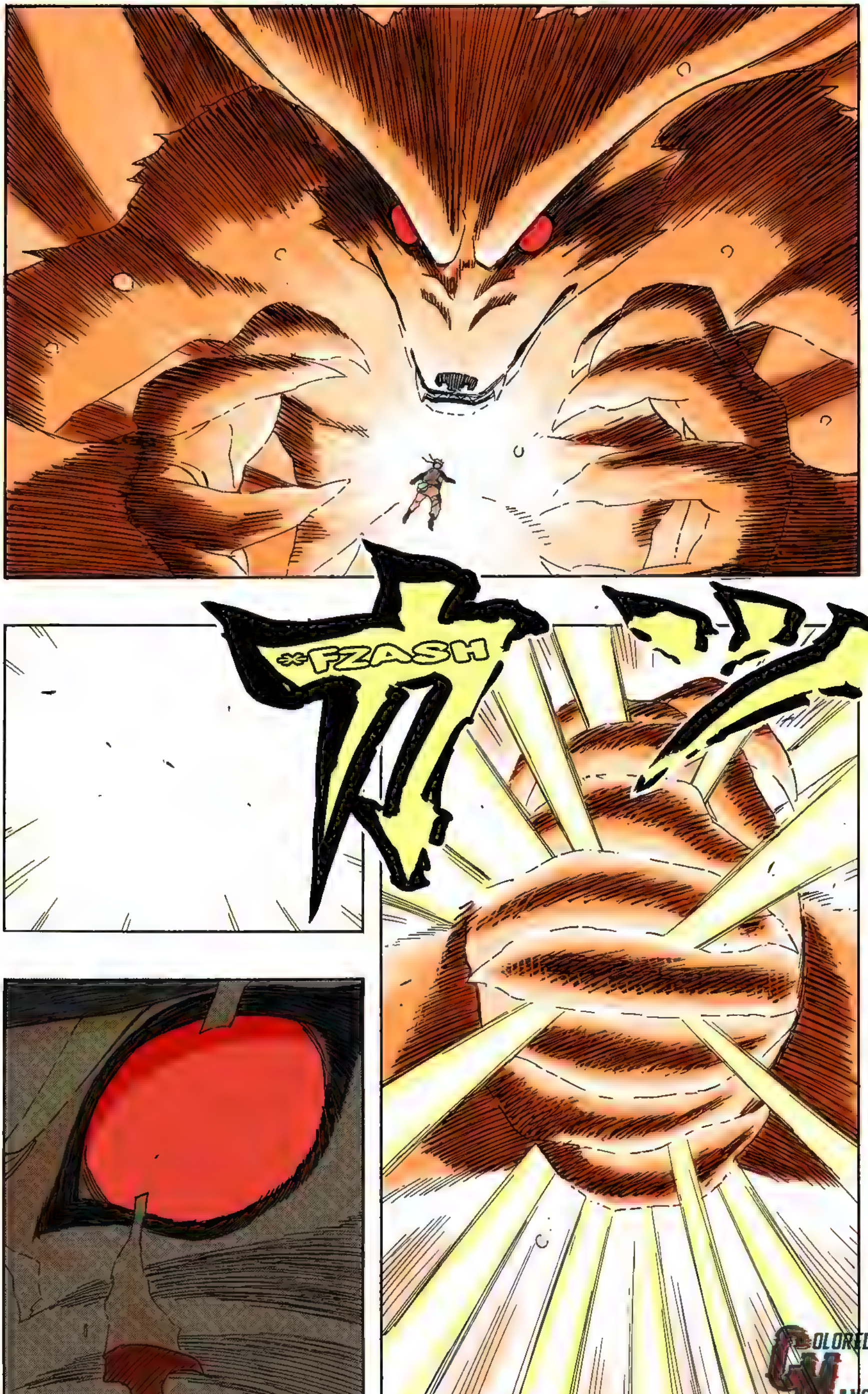
封

*(SEAL)

封

*(SEAL)

COLORED MANGA.COM


FZASH

SHRRP

SHRRP

SHRRP

SHRRP

*SKKKRRKK

*SHRRP

*SHRRP

TSSSSS

BLOP

COLORED MANGA.COM

COME ON, GIRL... UP AND AT 'EM...

SOMETHING ABOUT THIS FEELS... DIFFERENT...

SAKURA...?

.....

UNNH

COLORED BY MANGA.COM

!

YOU OKAY?

NO, SIR. BUT I WILL BE...

AHH... MY HEAD...

THROB

*HUP

I'VE GOT A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

*FWP

COLORED MANGA.COM

*ZWHOOP

ズズ...

MOKUBUNSHIN NO JUTSU! ART OF THE WOOD CLONE!!

ズズ...

*ZZ...

*CLAP

パン

*WHZZZ

ダッ

!

TAP

SPRONG

WHOOSH

COLORED COMICS MANGA.COM

YES. HE'S LOSING CONTROL.

DID... DID HE DO ALL THIS?

NARUTO...

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THIS BRIDGE.

...WITH OROCHIMARU.

WHERE IS HE NOW?

!

SIGH...

WISP

BUZZ...

COLORED MANGA.COM

NARUTO'S GOING TO BE THE TRICKY PART...

NO WONDER THE AKATSUKI WANT THEM SO BADLY.

TEK

SO THESE ARE THE POWERS OF A JINCHURIKI ---

*FLAP FLAP FLAP

HUP

FWHOOSH

COLORED
NARUTOMANGA.COM

JOLT

!!

TOK

RRRRRRRRRR!!!

KA

AAA

COLORED MANGA.COM

BOO

OOM

!?!?

*FWP

MOKUTON MOKUJOHEKI! WOOD STYLE DOMED WALL!!

VWHOOSH

ゴゴゴ

!!

COLORED

ANGA.COM

THUD
THUD
THUD
THUD

*VOOSH

!!

ハミ

*SPLAT

ズズズズズ

THOOOOM

COLORED
MANGA.COM

...NARUTO NEVER CEASES TO AMAZE...

INTRIGUING ...

CLEAR

TAP

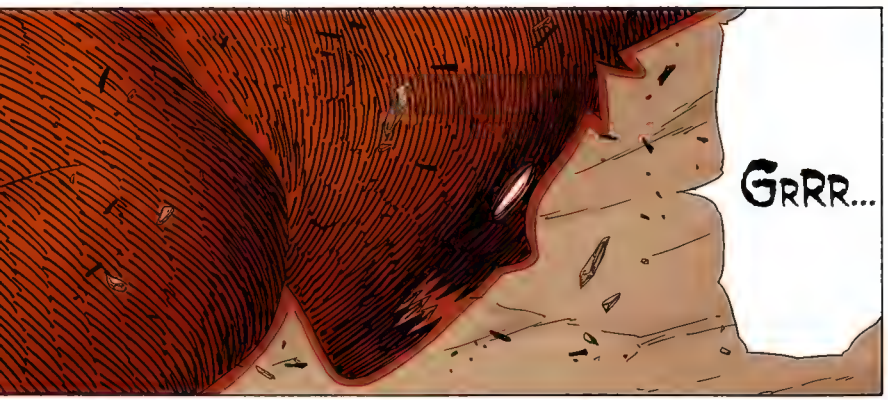
.....

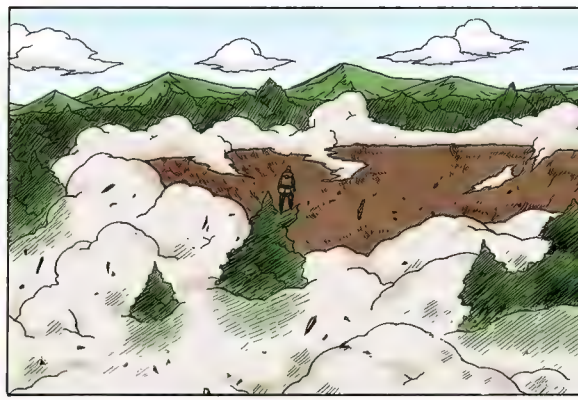
*SCREECH

*SHOOOM

HUP

COLORED MANGA.COM



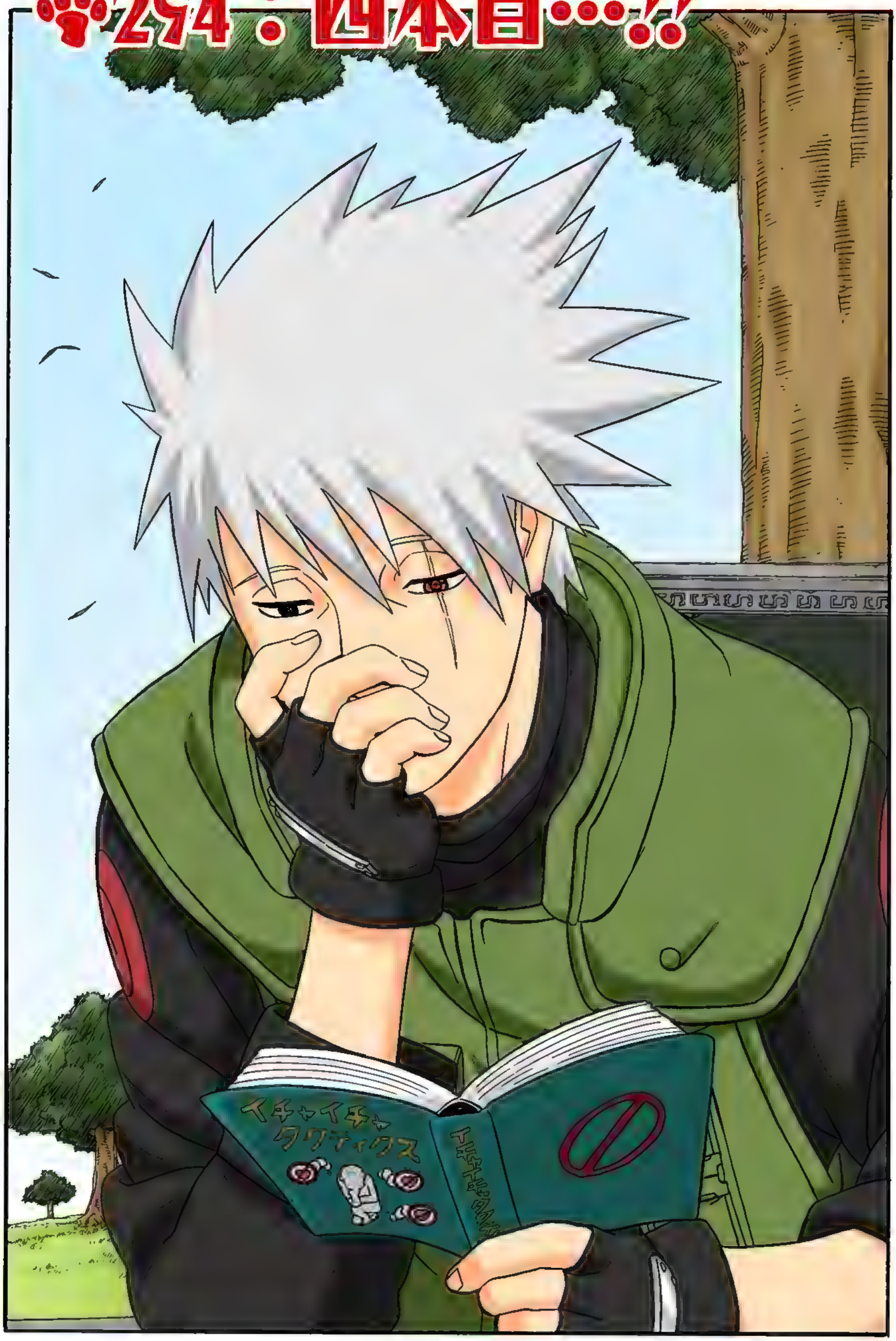


COLORED MANGA.COM

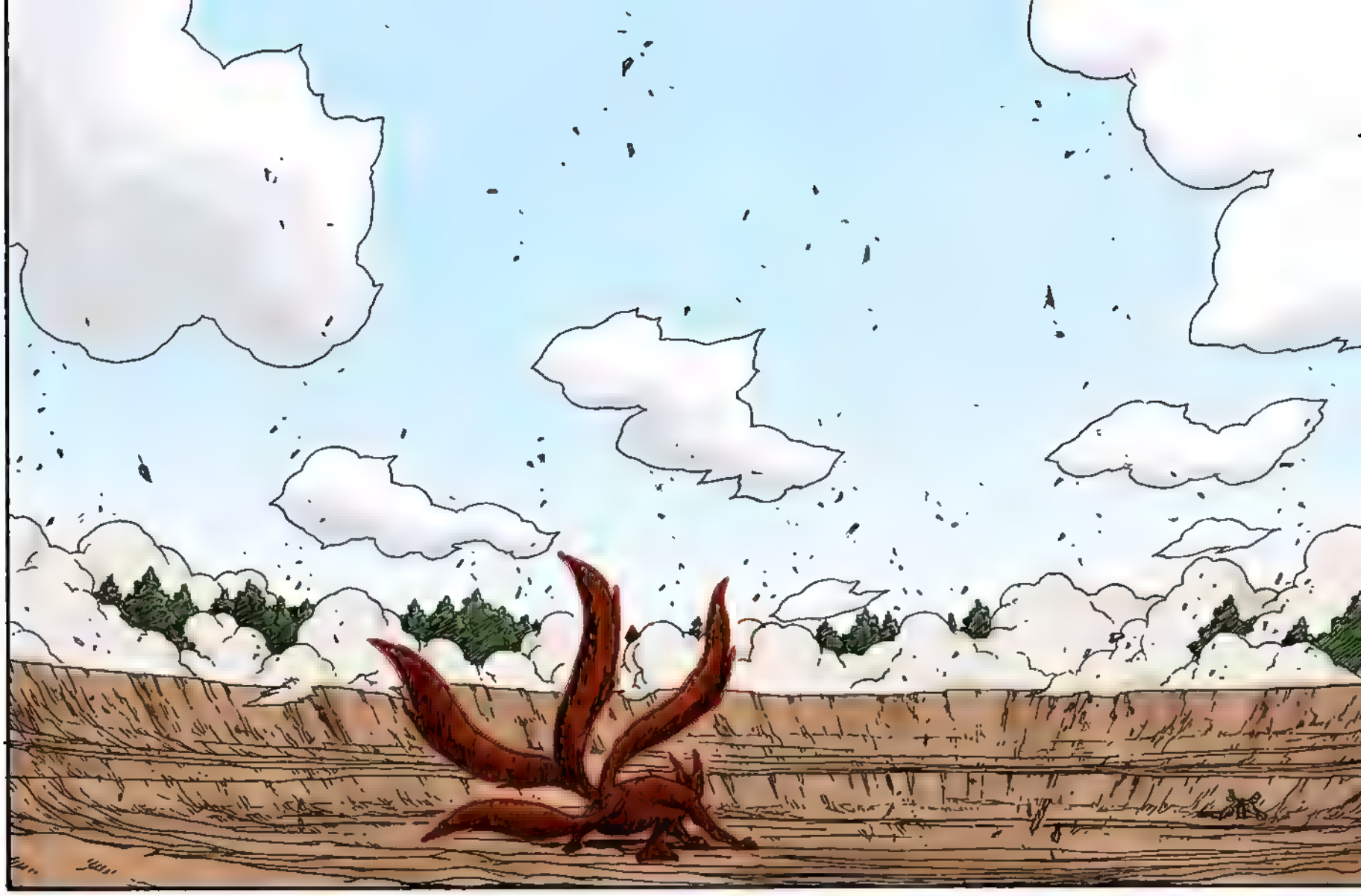
COLORED
MANGA.COM

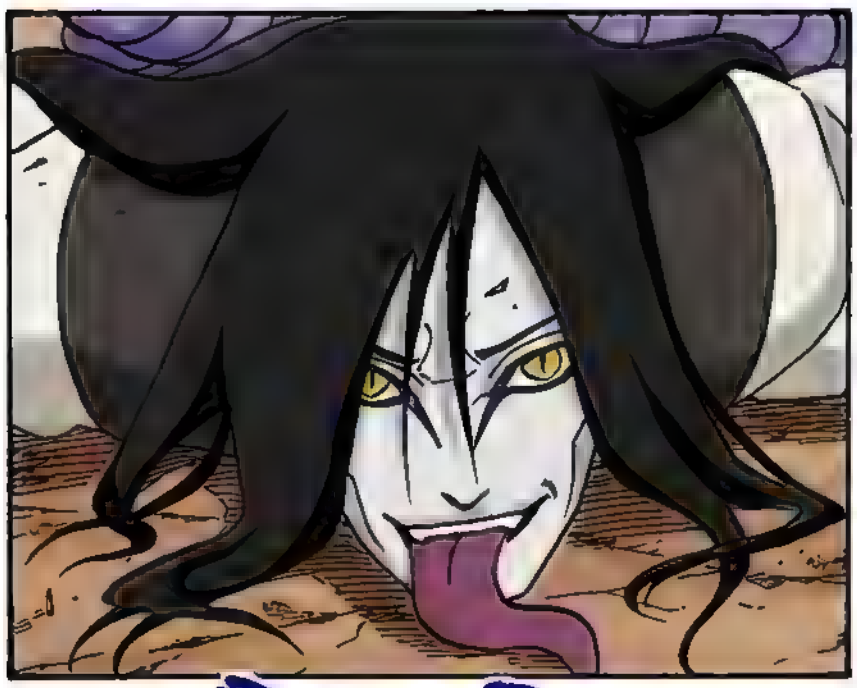
294: THE FOURTH TAIL...!!

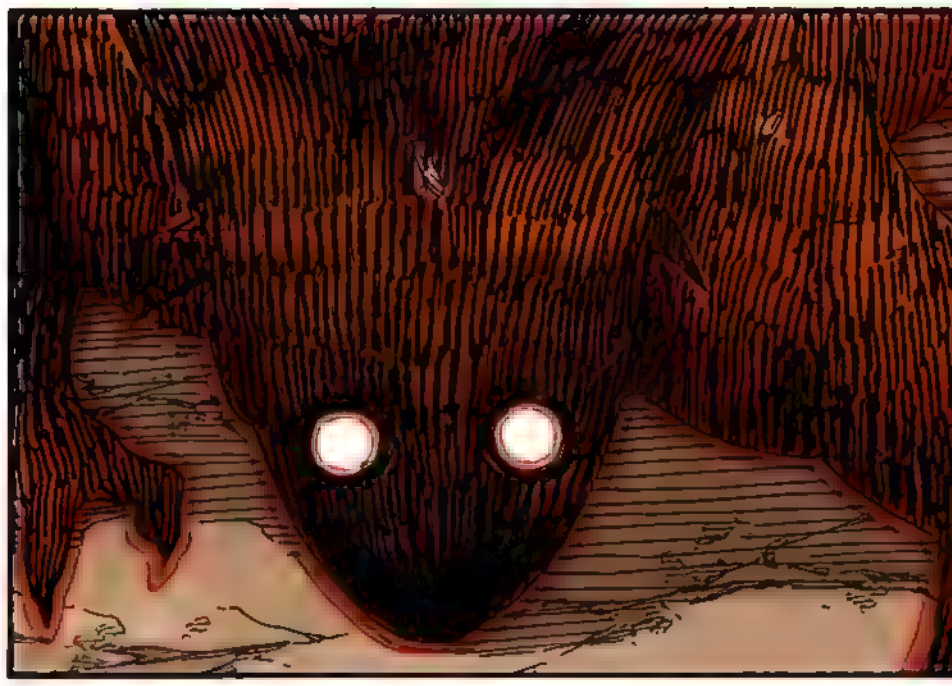
ナンバー 294：四本目(ほんめ)…!!

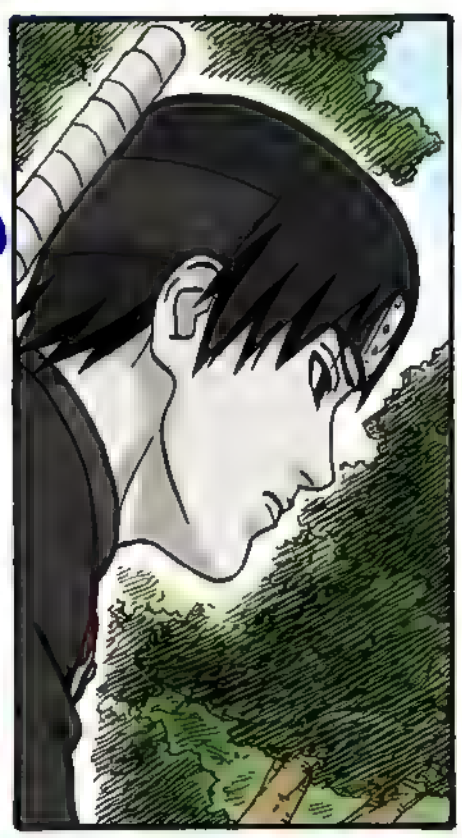


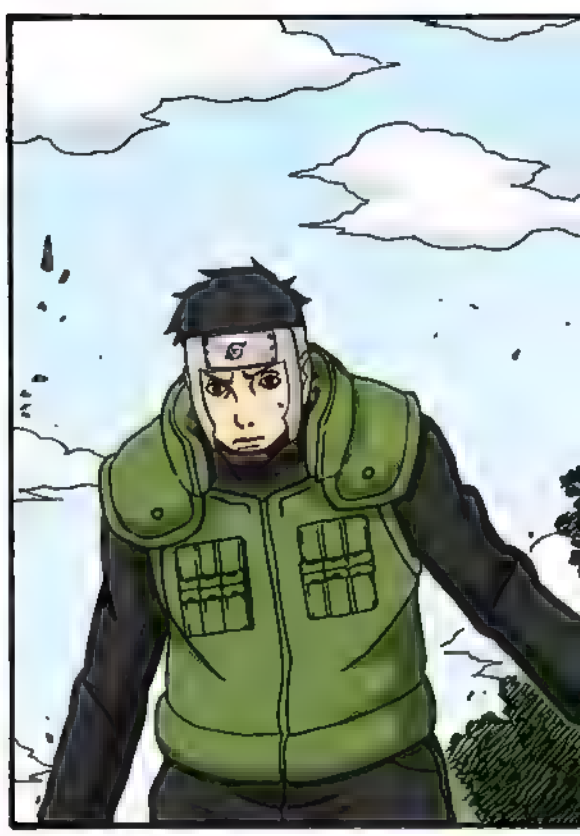
COLORED MANGA.COM











COLORED MANGA.COM

AAAAK

SSSSS...

HSSSSH

HSSSSH

SLASH

...SSSSSSS...

FFT

COLORED
MANGA.COM

THOOOM!

*WHOOOSH

THAT POWER... NEVER SEEN ANY-THING LIKE IT!

ﾌﾞﾌﾞﾌﾞﾌﾞ

NNH... CAN'T GET ANY CLOSER...

ﾌﾞﾝ

*GRRR

COLORED MANGA.COM

FLICKER

!

FWHOOMP

CRACK

CRACK

*SLAM

KRRRK

*FUMP

KRRR

*FUMP

SH!

COLORED MANGA.COM

...?!

FUMP

*SHHRRP

*WHOOSH

THOOM

SCREECH

COLORED
MANGA.COM

*THHHAP

ハァ・・・

RRRRNCH

ガリ

*ZLURP...

ハァ!!

TSSSSS

ガジ・・・

COLORED
MANGA.COM

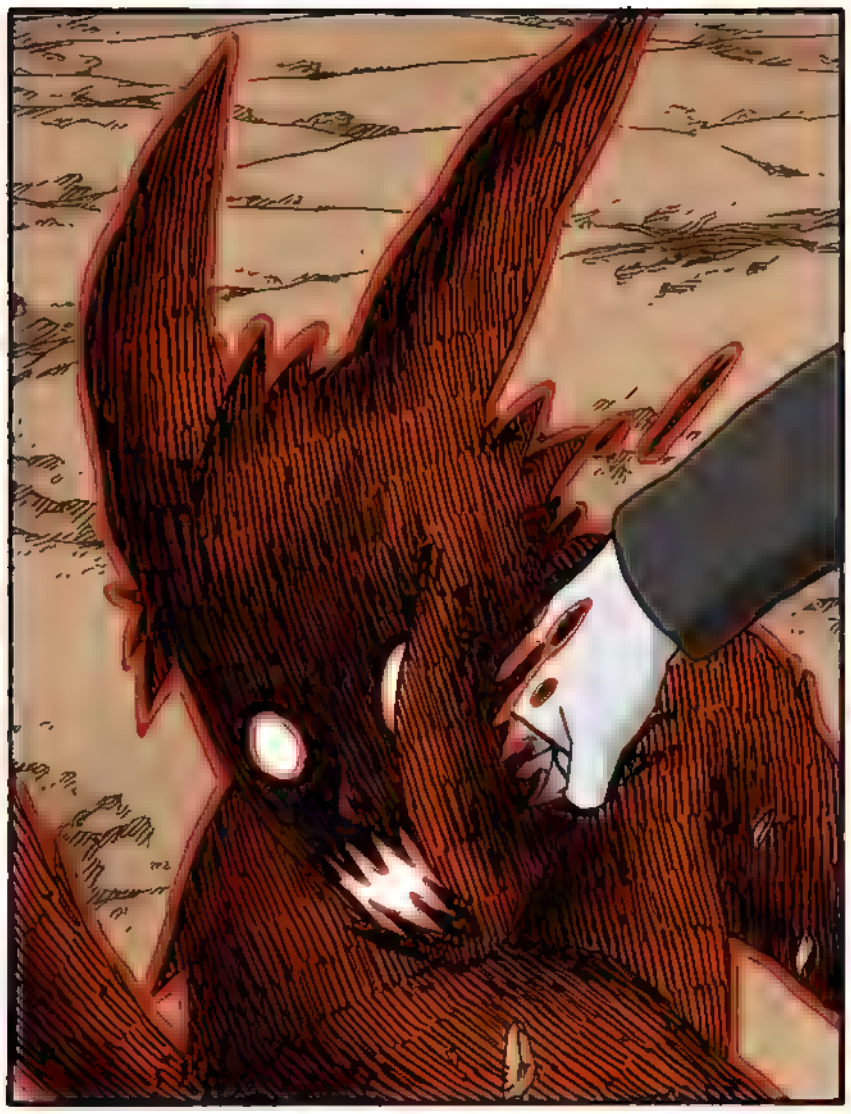
ZWURP

HS

SSH

*FWHOOSH

COLORED MANGA.COM



COLORED
MANGA.COM

SLASH

*STRRRCH

*HOOSH

COLORED
MANGA.COM

SHHLIP

SHHLOOOP...

SCLORRRCH

KRIK

KRIK...

KRIK

*SQUELCH...

KRRRAK...

GRRRR...

COLORED
MANGA.COM

DON'T TELL ME... THE FOURTH TAIL HAS EMERGED ...

COM-MANDER YAMATO ...

...WHAT HAVEN'T YOU TOLD US ABOUT NARUTO?

.....

SAKURA... I KNOW HE'S YOUR FRIEND...

...BUT I'M NOT AT LIBERTY TO SAY RIGHT NOW...

WHAT'S *HAPPENING* TO HIM?

COLORED MANGA.COM

...

...FOR A REASON.

REST ASSURED I WAS CHOSEN AS COMMANDER...

!

WELL, NOW... GUESS THE REAL SASORI WON'T BE SHOWING UP ANYTIME SOON...

...MEANS SASORI SEES YOUR POWER...

SO FOR HIM TO DIVULGE SUCH SENSITIVE INTELLI-GENCE...

...MAKES ME THINK HE WAS HOPING YOU WOULD TAKE DOWN LORD OROCHIMARU FOR HIM.

THE FACT THAT HE REVEALED THE EXISTENCE AND LOCATION OF THIS BRIDGE...

THE AKATSUKI IS STILL REELING FROM LORD OROCHIMARU'S DEFECTION, YOU KNOW.

TWO... HE'S BEEN INCAPACITATED ...

...AND NEEDS YOU TO FULFILL THIS TASK ON HIS BEHALF...

ONE... HE'S USING YOU TO DO HIS DIRTTY WORK...

...WHILE PLANNING TO STAB YOU IN THE BACK AFTER THE DEED IS DONE...

...AND THIS IS MERELY SOME DESPERATE GAMBIT ON YOUR PART TO REMOVE A SUPERIOR PLAYER FROM THE GAME...

OR THREE... HE'S DEAD...

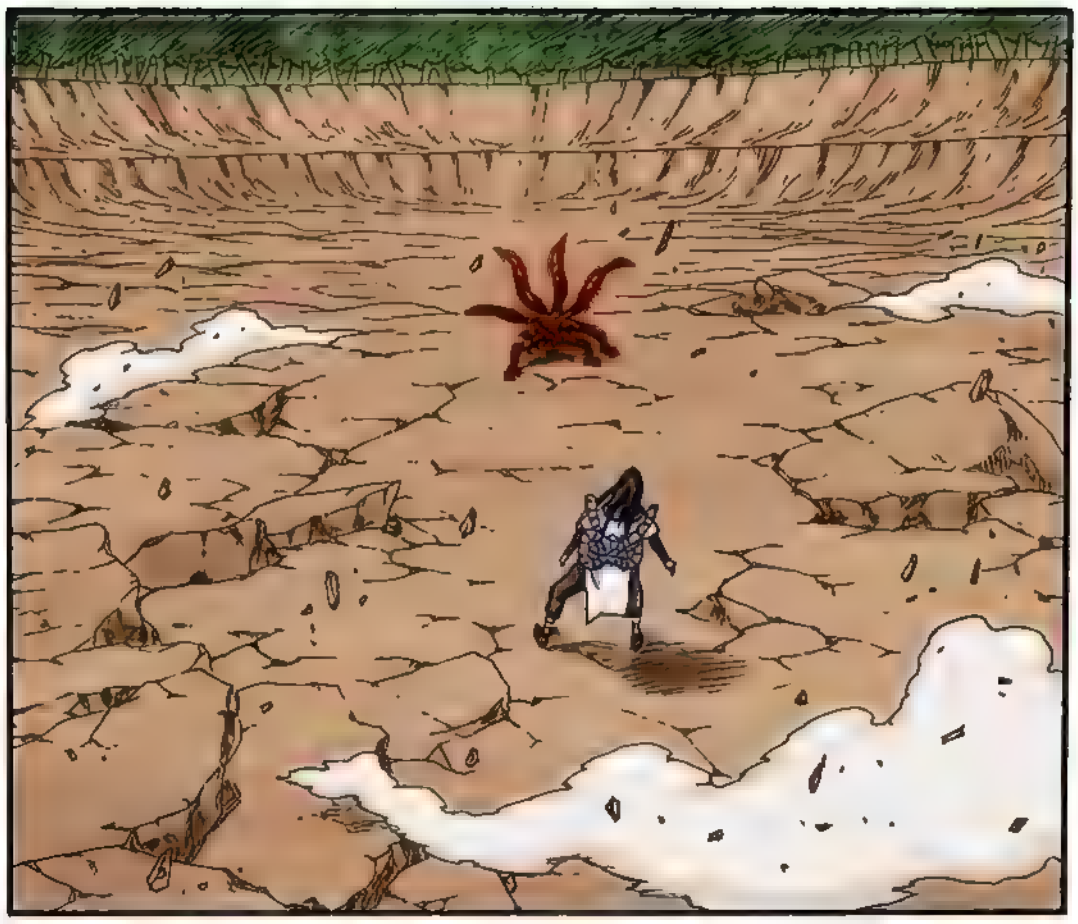
HMPH

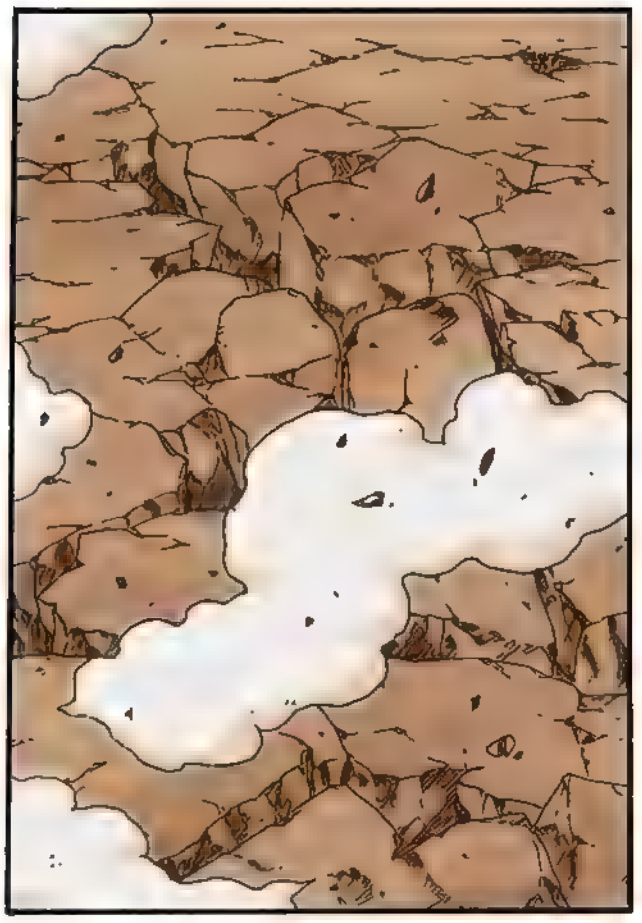
GLAD TO HEAR IT.

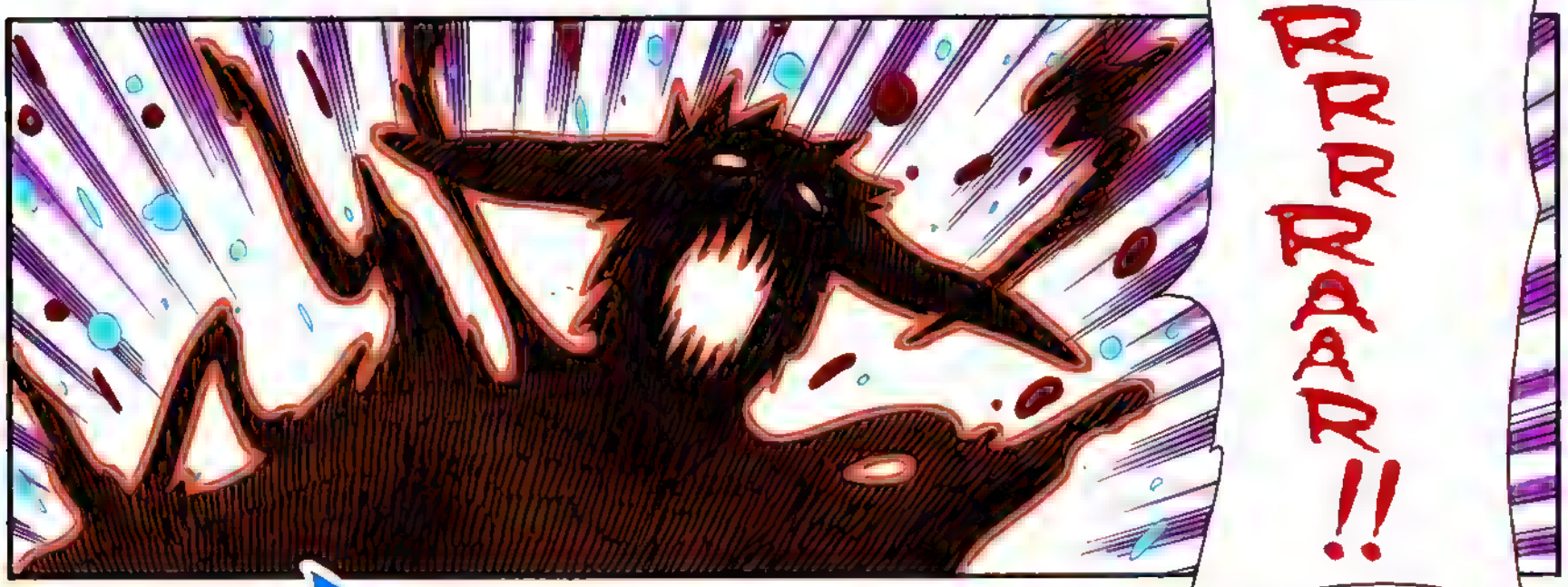
.....

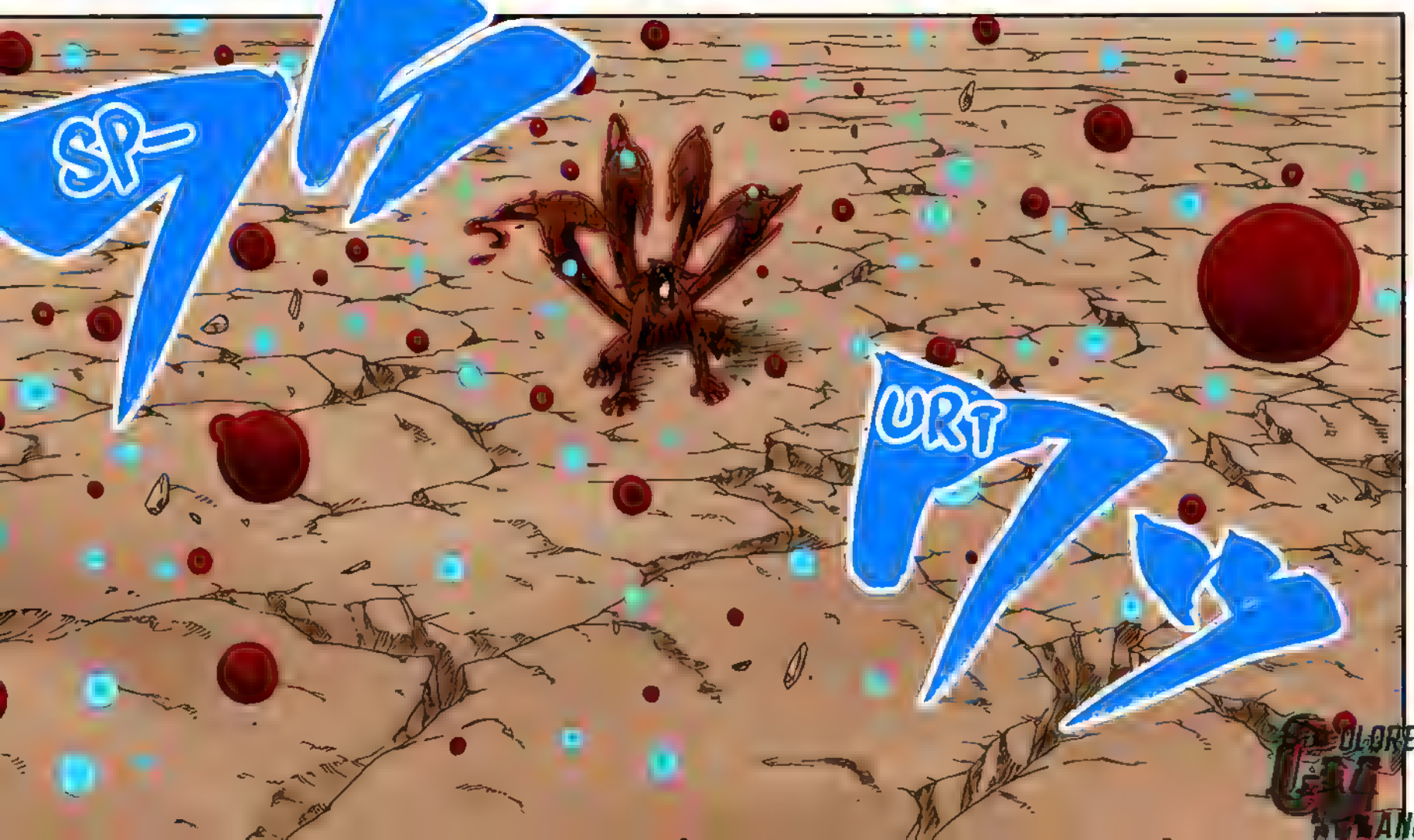
UNFORTU-NATELY, IT'S THE LATTER.

COLORED MANGA.COM

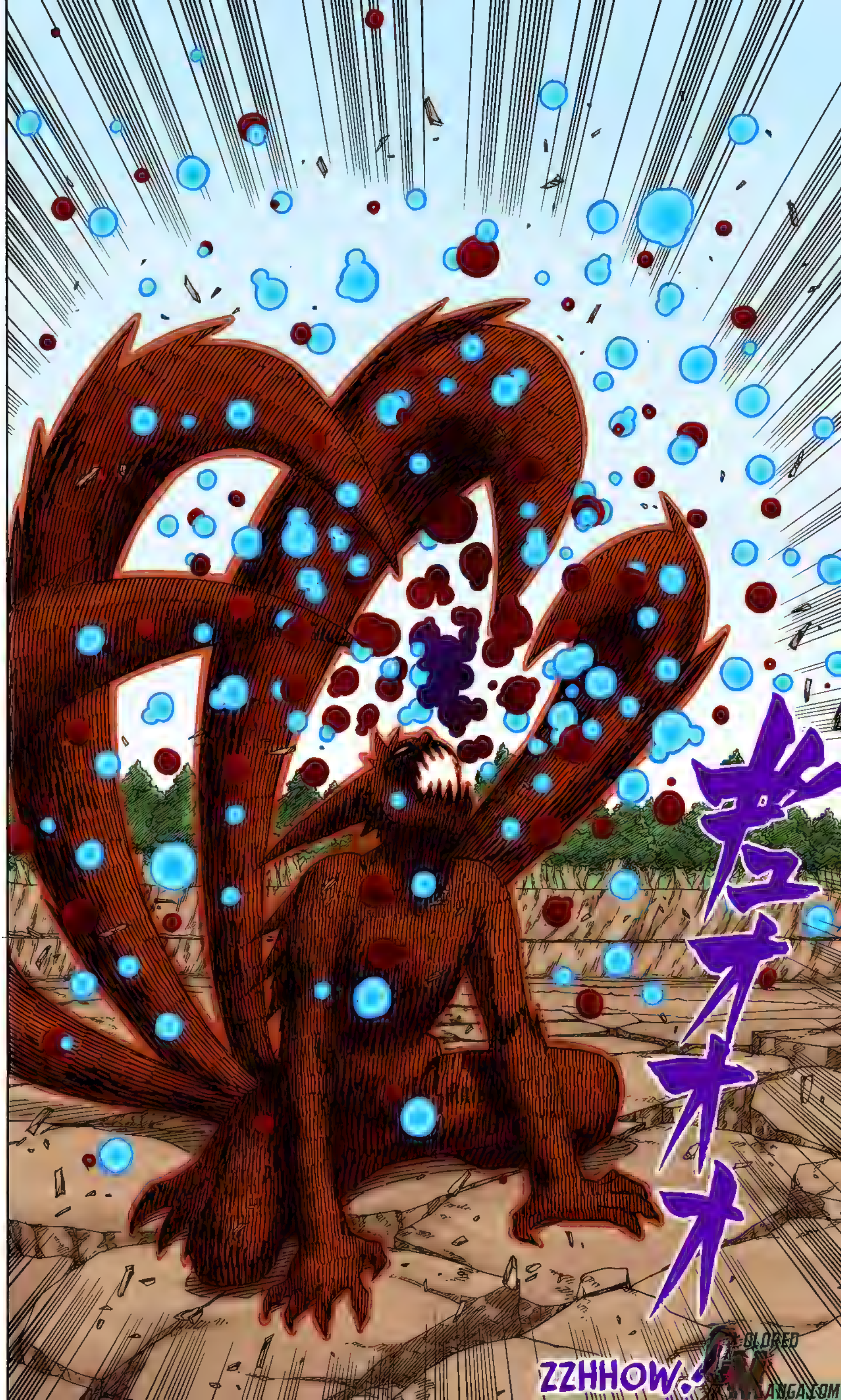








COLORED
MANGA.COM


ZZHHOW..
COLORED
MANGAJOM

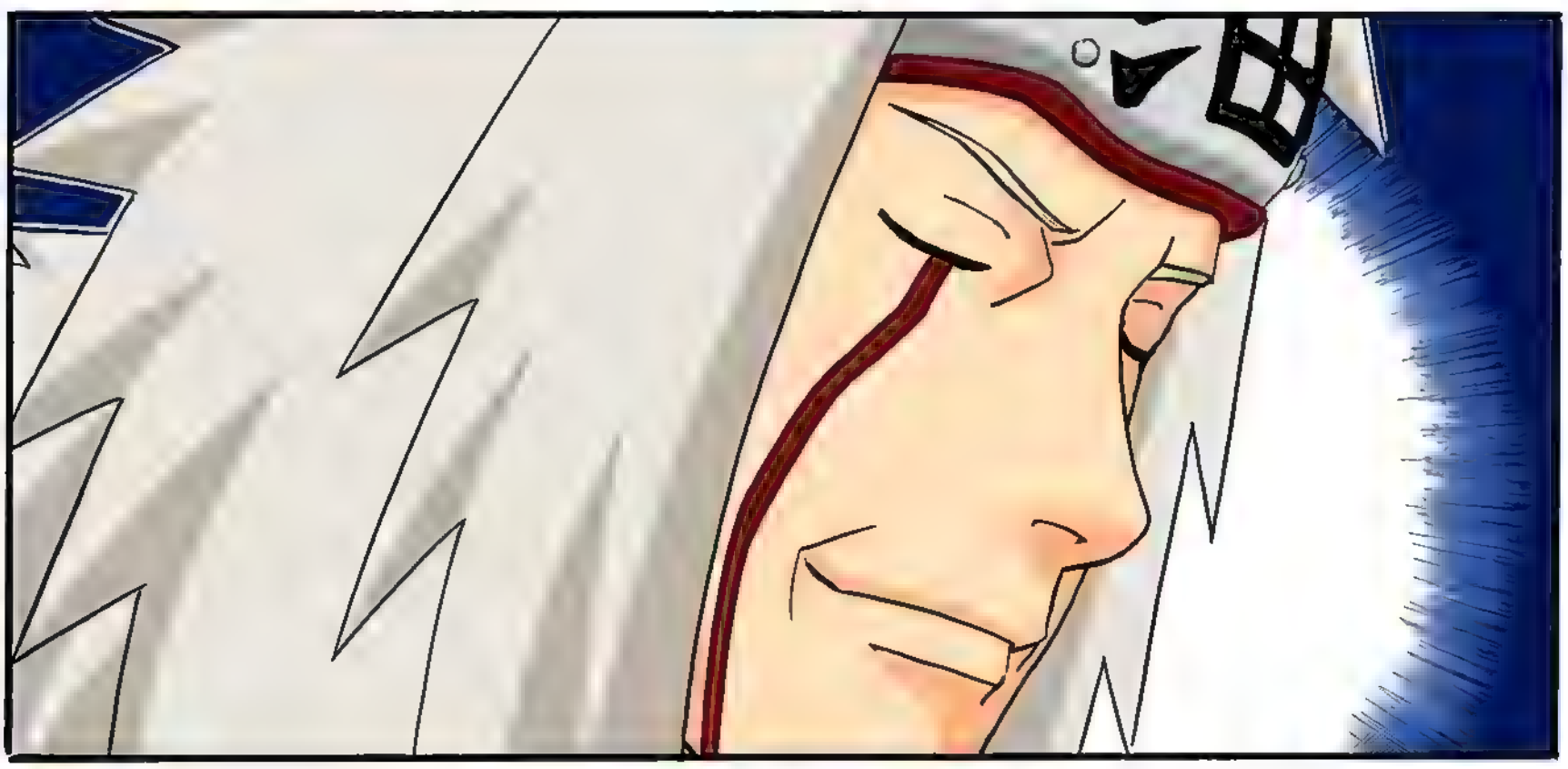
*GLORRP...

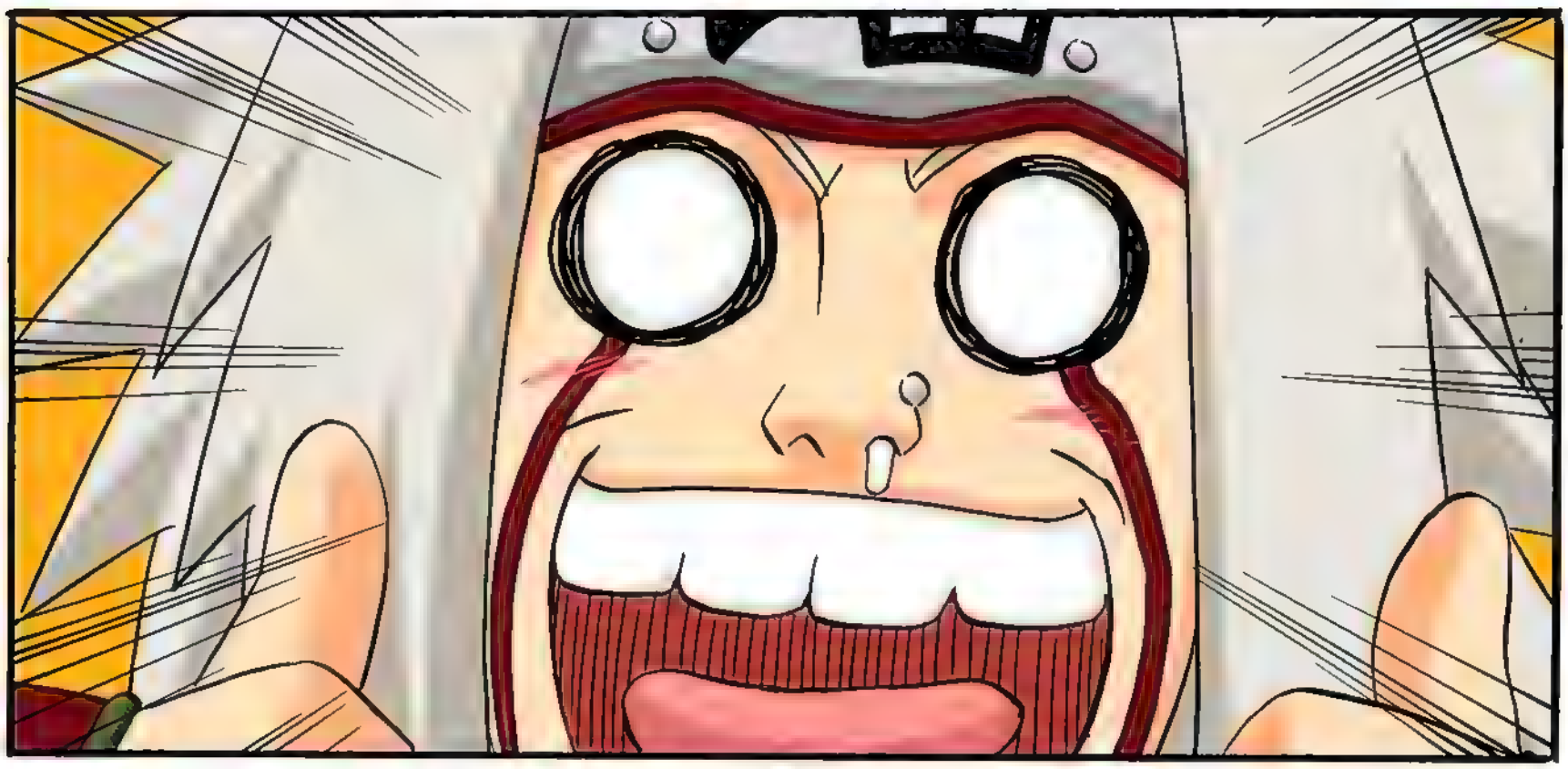
THIS... IS UNFORTUNATE ...

COLORED MANGA.COM

295: TOWARD NINE TAILS...!!

295：九尾へ…!!





COLORED MANGA.COM

THOOP

Poo_

M!

...COULD KILL EVEN ME...

*TAP

CONTACT WITH CHAKRA SO DENSE...

*SPRING

COLORED MANGA.COM

THIS IS NOT THE SAME CHAKRA AS BEFORE.

...FAR MORE MALEVOLENT...

IT'S FAR MORE INTENSE...

...SO IT'S RE-SHAPING NARUTO'S BODY, TURNING HIM INTO A MINIATURE NINE-TAILS.

THE CHAKRA THAT IS LEAKING OUT SEEKS STABILITY... BUT IT NEEDS A HOST MEDIUM TO ASSUME THE FORM OF THE NINE-TAILED FOX-SPIRIT...

GNASH

...HOLDING BACK SUCH TERRIBLE POWER... ON A DAILY BASIS...

I DON'T KNOW HOW HE DOES IT...

COLORED BY NARUTOFANGA.COM

SHOOM

SHOOM

NARUTO... YOU ARE TRULY...

FLIP

*GULP

1.0 1.0

COLORED MANGA.COM

...WEIGHED DOWN WITH SUCH DENSE CHAKRA? HEH HEH...

HOWEVER DO YOU PLAN ON FIGHTING ME...

ズ・ズ・ズ

*DOOOM

PLO-

MP

*PUFFF...

ゲ・ゲ・ゲ・

シュウウー

ISSSS

!

COLORED
MANGA.COM

KER

HERE IT COMES!

SNIK

SNIK

*BLAST

COLORED

MANGA.COM

*FSSSSHHH

*SWAP

TRIPLE RASHOMON!!

COLORED MANGA.COM

TH-
OOM
*BOOF
*WHOOZH
THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO OPENING FOR-ME TO JUMP IN AND INTERRUPT THINGS.
WHAT A BATTLE!
WHOA!

ZIZZASH!

!

!

COLORED MANGA.COM

*...WHOOSH

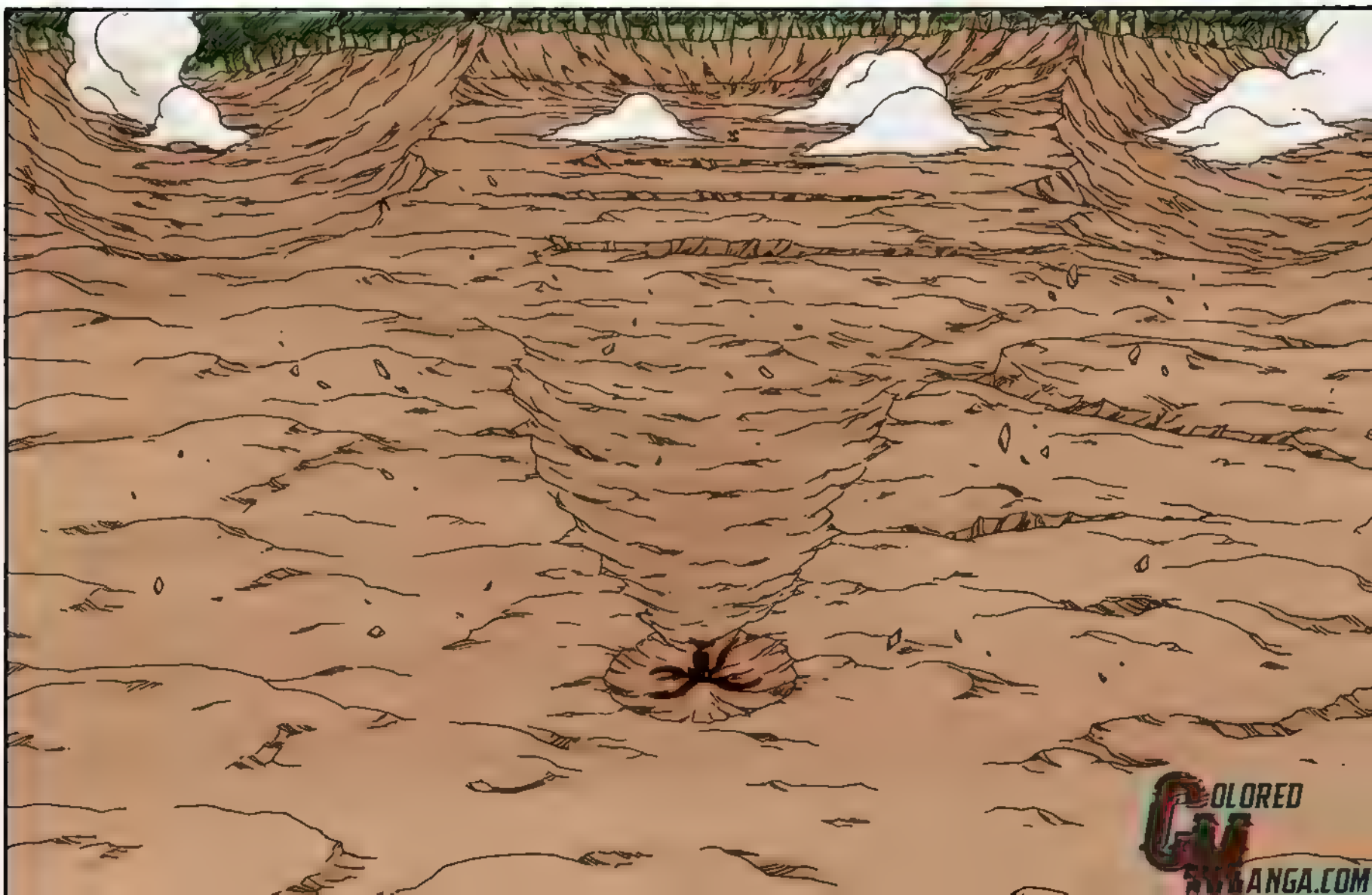
*WHOOOO...

ズズズ...

*WSSSSSS...

ｱﾒ—...

COLORED
MANGA.COM


COLORED
MANGA.COM

...WH...WHAT'S HAPPENING ...?!

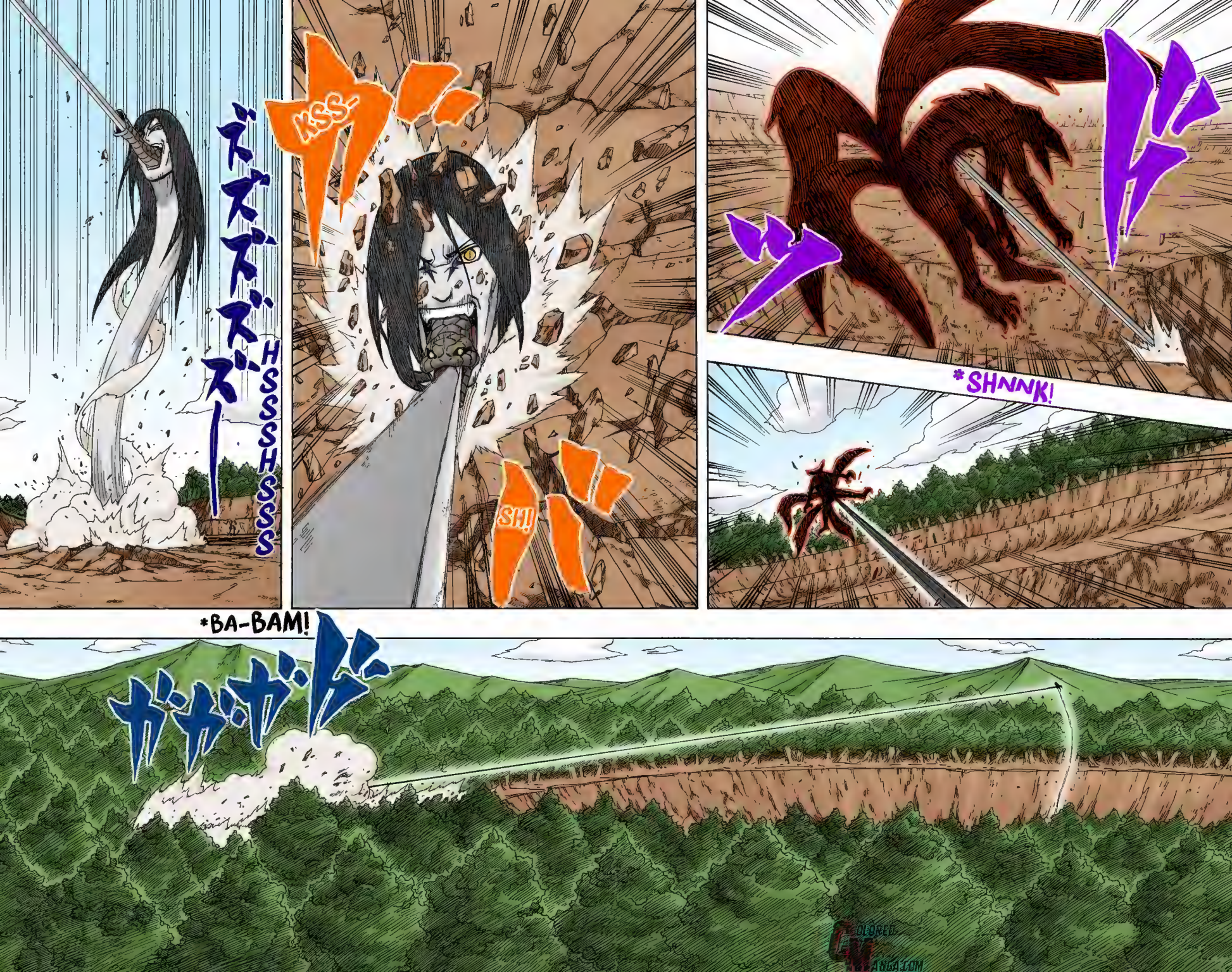
.....

WE NEVER IMAGINED... IT WOULD BE LIKE THIS...

*POP

!

COLORED BY NARUTOMANGA.COM


ズズズズズー
HSSSHSSSS
KSS-
SH!
*SHNNK!
*BA-BAM!
ガガガガ

ズン

ドドド

WAA-

*BOOM!

……!

ゴゴゴ…

*WSSS...

……!

!

COLORED MANGA.COM

THE NINE-TAILS... HE'S ALMOST THERE...

.....

...NARUTO...

COLORED MANGA.COM

296: THE SAD CONCLUSION

COLORED MANGA.COM

THIS IS NOT SO MUCH A BATTLE BETWEEN NINJA...

.....

NARUTO...

*BABUM

ズキッ

CLENCH

...AS A BATTLE BETWEEN MONSTERS...

HEH HEH HEH...

COLORED MANGA.COM

NARUTO'S ON OUR SIDE OF THE BRIDGE...

.....

THAP

EVEN MY KUSANAGI BLADE CAN'T PIERCE HIM.

*HUP

!!

*HOOSH

COLORED MANGA.COM

URK

!

WHAM

TAP

POP

*GSSSS...

*TAP

*TAP

COLORED MANGA.COM

AMAZING.

SO THAT'S HOW FAR NARUTO WOULD GO...

...TO RESCUE SASUKE.

.....

AAAAAAAA!!

I NEVER GO BACK ON MY WORD.

THAT'S... MY SHINOBI WAY!

...I WILL KEEP MY PROMISE.

...SAKURA! I...

THAT'S MY PROMISE OF A LIFE-TIME!!

I'LL BRING SASUKE BACK FOR SURE!

*SHING...

THE BOY IS GONE. ONLY THE MONSTER REMAINS...

ﾐｱ...

COLORED MANGA.COM

WHAT A PITIFUL CHILD...

GRRR...

*RRRNH

ギリ

*DRPP...

WHOOSH*

YOU MUST STAY AWAY FROM NARUTO!

SAKURA, WAIT!

!

COLORED MANGA.COM

.....

I'LL RESCUE SASUKE!

PLEASE ...

...DON'T DO THIS!

NARUTO!

*FWP

NO!

*TRIP

!

ズザッ

I'M BEGGING YOU...

...STOP THIS RIGHT NOW!

COLORED
MANGA.COM

IS NARUTO DEAD?

WHAT IN THE WORLD...?

*SHLURP

COLORED MANGA.COM

NOW'S MY CHANCE, I THINK...

WUMP

UNNH ...!

SPLECCCH

SEEMS I'VE REACHED MY LIMIT...

ALTHOUGH THIS BODY CONTINUES TO REJECT ME...

...THIS IS FAR FROM OVER...

THUMP

HEH HEH HEH HEH...

HEH HEH...

COLORED MANGA.COM

...I HAVE SASUKE...

FOR I STILL POSSESS THE THING THEY WANT MOST...

UH-OH...

RRRNNHH

THUD

GRRR...

UGGH...

COLORED MANGA.COM

RRRNNHH

.....

I WAS TOO LATE.

!

SHUP

SHUP

COLORED
NARUTOMANGA.COM

THWAP

IN FACT... IT'S QUITE THE OPPOSITE.

YOU MISUNDER-STAND...

...I NO LONGER HAVE ANY INTENTION OF HURTING ANY OF YOU...

I WON'T LET YOU HURT THEM.

...!

BZZZZ

WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

COLORED MANGA.COM

FIZZ

FWOOSH...

...THE AKATSUKI ARE A NUISANCE.

WE SHARE A COMMON ENEMY.

.....

...NARUTO...

.....

...I'M HOPING YOU CAN GET RID OF AT LEAST ONE OTHER AKATSUKI MEMBER FOR US... PERHAPS.

IF WE LET YOU LIVE...

COLORED BY NANGA.COM

RRAARR!!

SNAP

SNAP

LORD OROCHI-MARU MUST BE NEAR HIS LIMIT...

SKITTER SCATTER

...SEEMS APPROPRIATE YOU ALL SHOULD CLEAN UP AFTER HIM.

THEN AGAIN, HE'S ONE OF YOURS.

UNNH ...!

SNAP SNAP

WISP...

COLORED MANGA.COM

FWP

FWP

THIS IS MY CHANCE...!

KAKUAN'S TENTH EDICT ON ENLIGHT-ENMENT!!!

WHUP

HOKAGE STYLE ELDER JUTSU!!

SIT

座

SPROING

WHAP

HUP

COLORED BY MANGA.COM

YANK

TAP

ゴゴゴ

AAARGH!!!

NARUTO...

.....

UH...!

NNNH

!

CRUNCH

...I WOULD LIKE A WORD WITH YOU.

I AM NOT YOUR ENEMY, OROCHIMARU.

I AM AN ENVOY FROM DANZO. AND ON HIS BEHALF...

COLORED MANGA.COM

297: SAI'S MISSION!!

COLORED
MANGA.COM

...DANZO SAYS...

THE MESSAGE I BRING IS OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE, OROCHIMARU.

IF I WERE YOU, ERRAND BOY...

OUT WITH IT, THEN. WHAT DOES HE WANT FROM ME?

SO... THAT SENILE GEEZER'S STILL ALIVE, AND YOU'RE HIS NEW ERRAND BOY.

...DANZO ...

...IF THAT MEETS WITH YOUR DISPLEASURE, THEN BY ALL MEANS, DO WHAT YOU WILL...

...I AM ONLY ALLOWED TO RELAY AS DANZO INSTRUCTED...

PRESUMING YOU VALUE YOUR LIFE...

...I'D CHOOSE MY WORDS WISELY.

COLORED MANGA.COM

NOD

...!

HUMPH ...

SPLECCHH

YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW YOUR MANNERS.

SHUKK

ガッ

COLORED
ANGA.COM

SPLAT

SQUOOSH

COLORED MANGA.COM

ズズズ

TAP

HSSS

CLANK

ピタ

SPLASH

ガラッ…

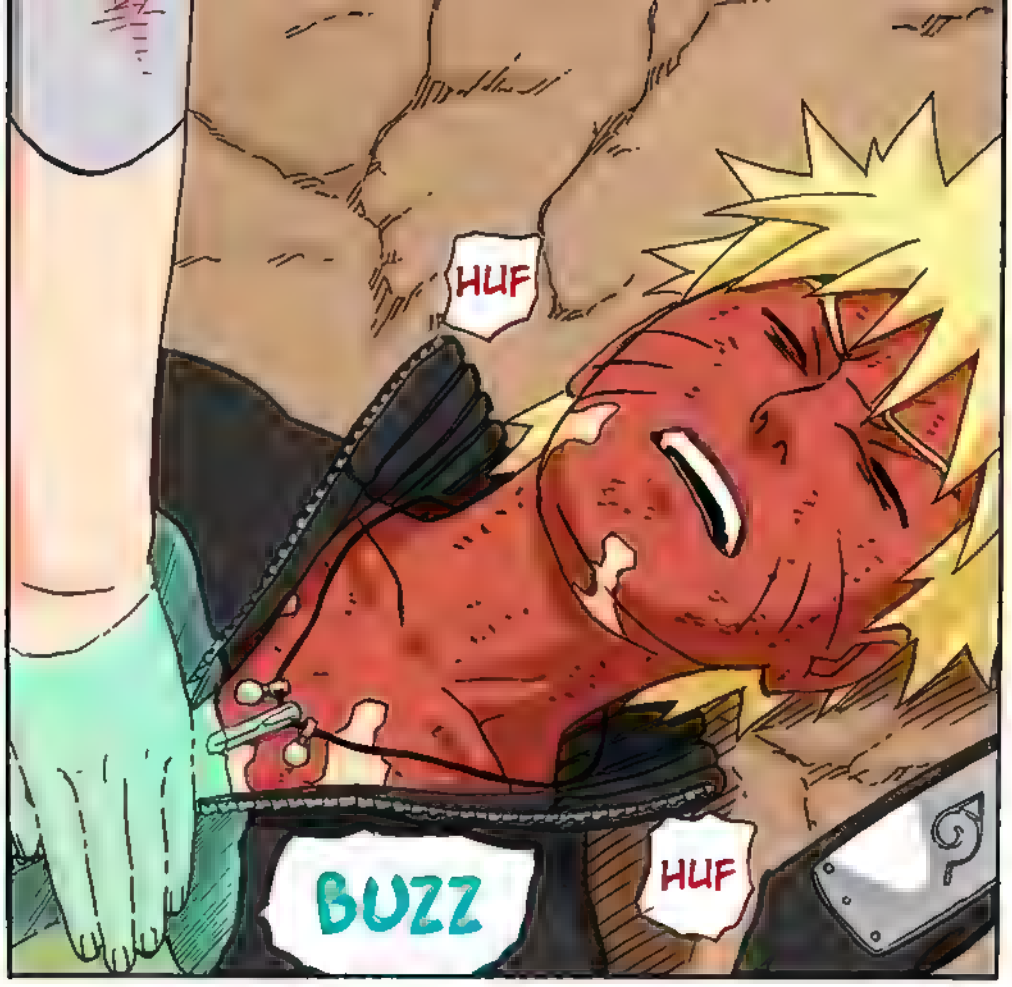
CLOP

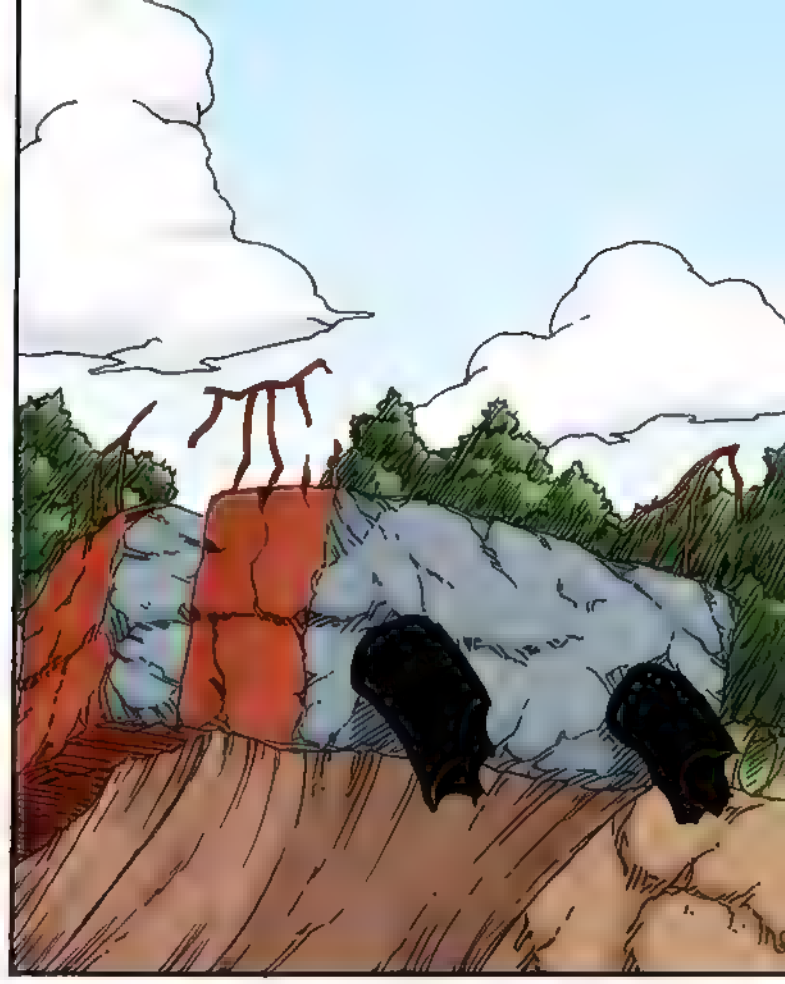
……

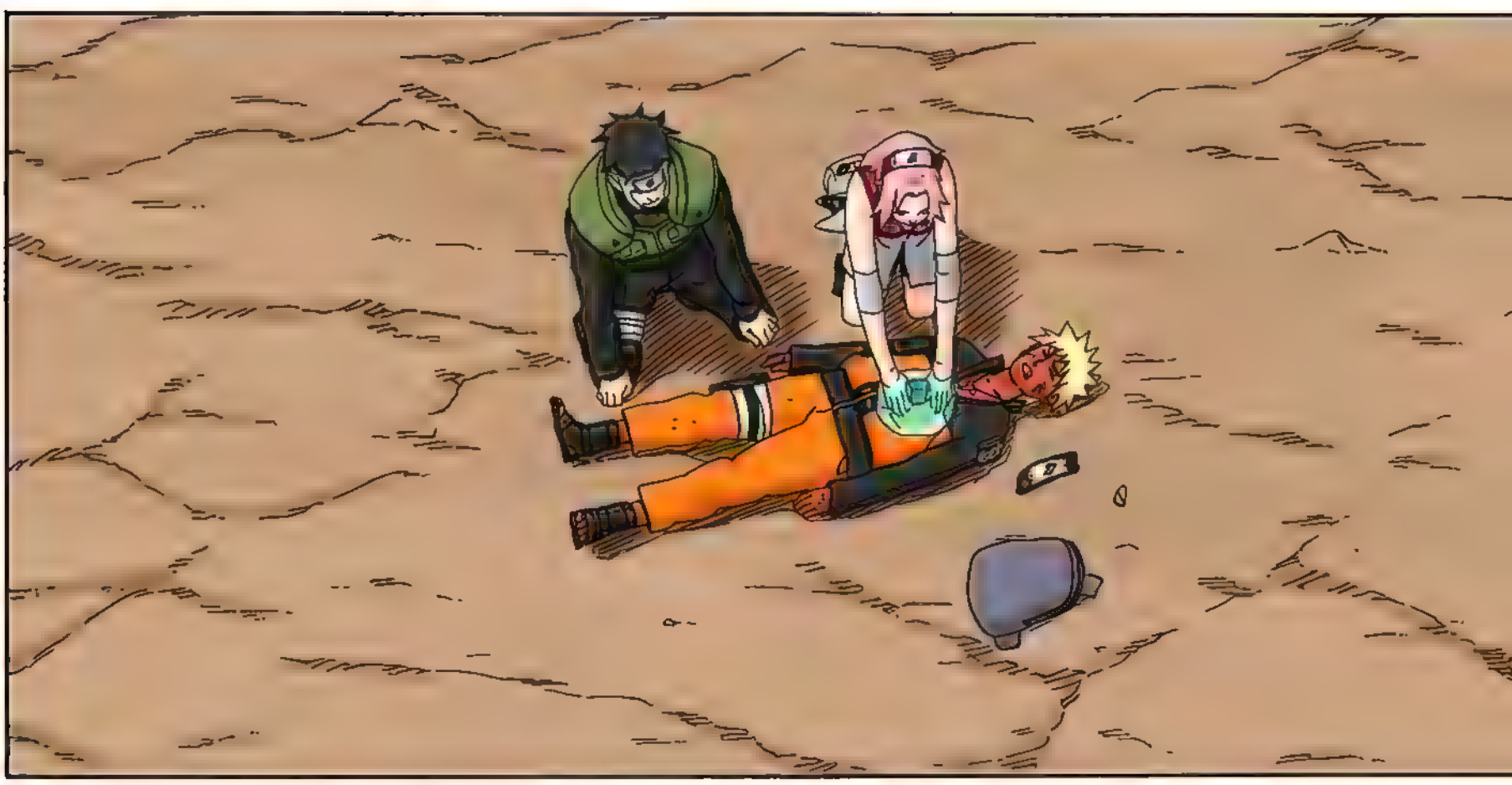
WHEN ADDRESSING SOMEONE OF SUPERIOR RANK…

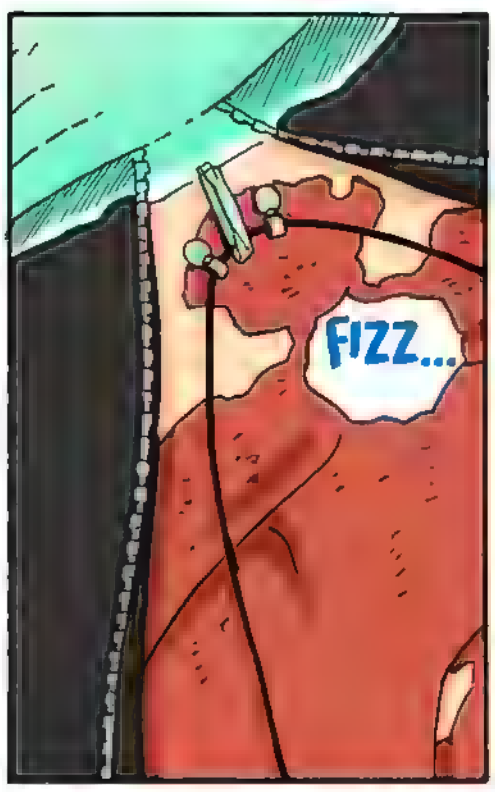
…PROPER ETIQUETTE DICTATES YOU FACE THEM DIRECTLY.

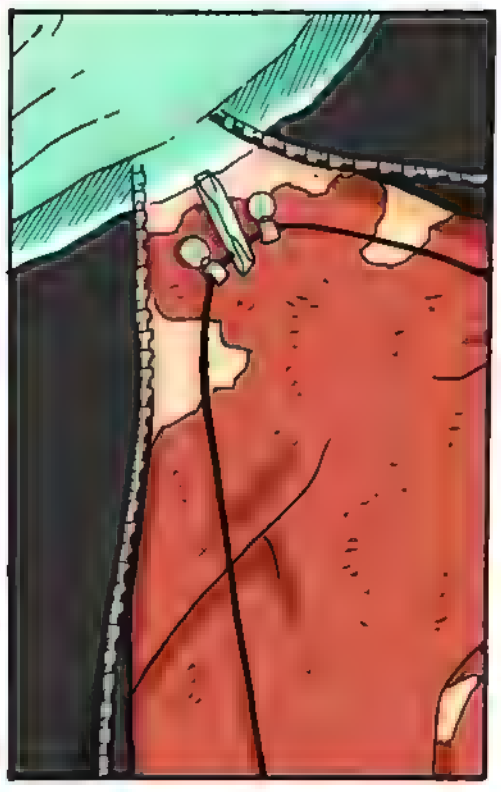
COLORED
NARUTOMANGA.COM

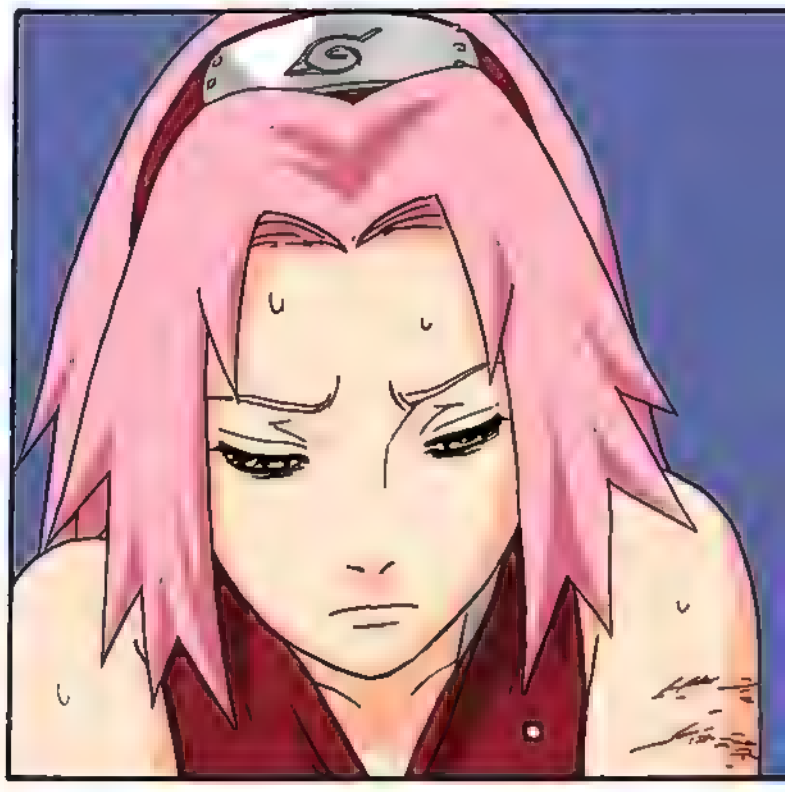












COLORED MANGA.COM

IN THE PAST, THE NINE TAILS' CHAKRA GAVE NARUTO ACCELERATED HEALING...!!
が遅い…

...SO, WHY IS THIS TAKING SO LONG? ルトなら ノラで ご早かったのに

...I CAN'T BELIEVE THE FOURTH TAIL JIRAIYA MENTIONED.....
の言っていた

...IS THIS FEAR-SOME...
までとは…

HAH!

ドサッ

UNH...!

ズキン

UNNH...

FIZZZ...

.....

...COULD YOU... PLEASE TEACH IT TO ME?

THAT JUTSU YOU JUST USED TO PACIFY NARUTO...

COMMANDER YAMATO...

.....

...I AM THE ONLY ONE IN KONOHA WHO CAN USE THAT JUTSU, AND ONLY BECAUSE I CARRY LORD FIRST'S DNA WITHIN ME.

I'M SORRY, BUT THAT WON'T BE POSSIBLE...

.....

COLORED MANGA.COM

YES, I HAVE POWER...

...BUT NOWHERE NEAR ENOUGH TO FORCIBLY SUPPRESS THE NINE-TAILS' CHAKRA.

YET, ALL I AM IS AN EXPERIMENT... A PALE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL LORD FIRST...

THAT NECKLACE AROUND NARUTO'S NECK...

...USED TO BELONG TO THE FIRST HOKAGE...

.....

IT IS ALSO WHY I WAS CHOSEN TO BE YOUR COMMANDER.

IT IS SAID THE LORD FIRST QUALIFIED TO BE HOKAGE PARTLY BECAUSE OF THIS POWER.

I USE IT TO BRING THE JINCHURIKI HOST'S POWER UNDER CONTROL...

IT'S A CHAKRA CRYSTAL...

...THAT RESPONDS TO HIS CHAKRA ALONE.

COLORED MANGA.COM

IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS...

HUF

HUF

THE ONLY THINGS I CAN EVER DO FOR NARUTO...

...ARE THESE LITTLE THINGS.

...?

COLORED MANGA.COM

...WHAT MATTERS IS HOW MUCH YOU CARE ABOUT NARUTO.

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER THE THINGS YOU DO FOR HIM ARE LARGE OR SMALL...

.....

.....

...JUST HOW MUCH YOU...

I'VE SEEN IT, SAKURA. I KNOW...

HEH ...

COLORED BY NARUTOMANGA.COM

SKRITCH

OH... OWW ...

!

!

S...SAKURA ...?

WHOA. WHY ARE YOU CRYING, SAKURA?

HUH?

...HUH? ...WHAT HAPPENED... WHY AM I..?

... NARUTO ...!

OWW?!

...ADDING MONSTER STRENGTH TO THE LIST...

YOU'RE THE SNAKE, MORON!

ドゴン WHOMP

...LIKE UGLY! OR MONSTER STRENGTH...

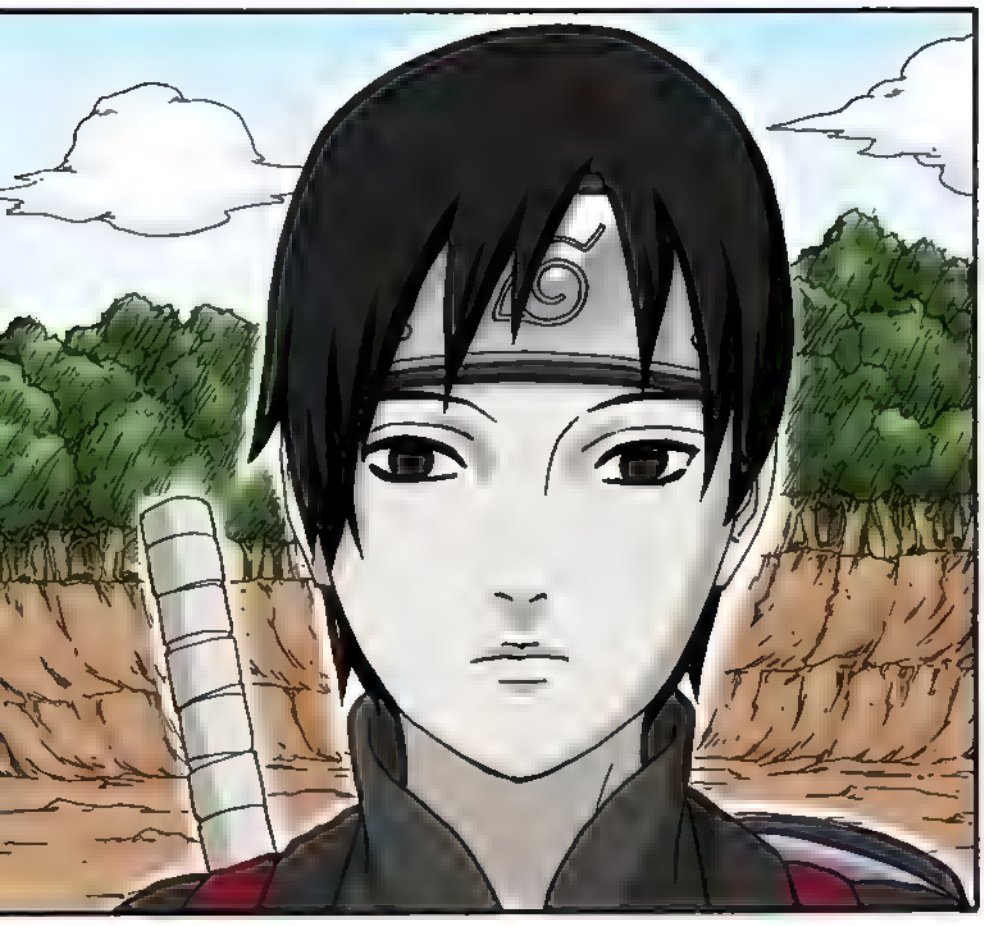
I WILL PERSO-NALLY KICK HIS-

FFT キョロキョロ

HUP

I SWEAR IF THAT SHARP-TONGUED SNAKE SAI SAID SOMETHING HURTFUL TO YOU AGAIN...

COLORED MANGA.COM



COLORED MANGA.COM

WHAM!

!!

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

KKTKTKTKT

COLORED MANGA.COM

...OUR RANKS MAY HAVE JUST INCREASED BY ONE.

YOU CAN RELAX, KABUTO...

...CAN WE REALLY TRUST HIM?

.....

FFP

IN THAT ENVOLOPE IS A NOTE FROM DANZO, FOR YOU...

...READ IT AND SEE FOR YOURSELF.

COLORED BY NARUTOMANGA.COM

...THIS IS...

KABUTO ...

...LET THAT CHILD UP.

.....

WHAT DOES IT SAY?

HUP...

WE'RE TAKING HIM WITH US.

COLORED MANGA.COM

.....

SHALL WE GET GOING...?

SAI... IS IT?

KRIK

SHOOM

JUST AS WE SUSPECTED ...

COLORED MANGA.COM

ナンバー298：極秘任務…!!

298: THE SECRET MISSION!!

COLORED
NARUTOMANGA.COM

AFTER ALL, THAT IS MY SPECIALTY...

HMNN

...BUT IT DOESN'T HURT TO TAIL THEM IN PERSON AS WELL.

THANKFULLY, I'D ALREADY PLANTED IT ON HIM BACK AT THE HOT SPRINGS...

...SO WHERE'S SAI?

SHOOM

SAI?

HE'S ON THE MOVE WITH OROCHIMARU RIGHT NOW.

...THE BRIDGE, IT'S...!

.....

COLORED MANGA.COM

THE TWO OF YOU, COME WITH ME.

...WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

!?

HUH?

WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED?

THE BRIDGE IS WRECKED ...

...AND ALL THIS...

THE SOIL'S REAL SOFT HERE.

SQUELCH

COLORED
MANGA.COM

.....

IT'S JUST AS JIRAIYA SAID...

YOU DON'T REMEMBER ANYTHING?

.....

WAIT- DOES THIS HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH WHY I WAS UNCONSCIOUS?

.....

.....

.....

COLORED MANGA.COM

YOU GOT ATTACKED AND KNOCKED OUT BY OROCHIMARU...

.....

.....

...NO WAY... SERIOUSLY ?!

.....

.....!

COLORED MANGA.COM

...EVEN HE MUST HAVE BEEN PRETTY RATTLED BY OROCHIMARU.

FOR HIM TO HAVE LEFT HIS PRIZED POSSES-SIONS BEHIND...

SAI'S STUFF'S ALL OVER THE PLACE...

FFP

?

...WHO WAS HERE, VIA OUR WIRELESS IMPLANTS.

UNTIL JUST NOW, I WAS IN COMMUNICA-TION WITH MY WOOD DOP-PELGANGER...

SO... YOU KNOW?

WHAT DO YOU MEAN... "LEFT WITH"?

...AFTER EXCHANGING WORDS WITH OROCHIMARU HERE...

...SAI LEFT WITH HIM AND KABUTO.

...WELL ...

WHAT HAPENED TO SAI?

COLORED MANGA.COM

HMMN... WONDER WHAT THEY TALKED ABOUT?

UNFORTUNATELY, MY DOUBLE WAS TOO FAR AWAY TO OVERHEAR THEIR CONVERSATION.

SO, YOU ALSO KNOW WHAT THEY SAID TO EACH OTHER.

...AS IF HE WAS TRYING TO CURRY FAVOR WITH OROCHIMARU.

NO... IT DIDN'T SEEM LIKE THAT.

HE APPROACHED OROCHIMARU OF HIS OWN ACCORD AND HANDED HIM SOMETHING...

MAYBE HE WAS THREAT-ENED OR INTIMI-DATED INTO GOING WITH THEM?

...THERE MAY BE.

ACTUALLY, NARUTO...

...BUT THERE'S NO WAY HE'D BETRAY US...

WHOA! HOLD ON! I DON'T LIKE THE GUY EITHER...

COLORED MANGA.COM

.....

!?

...FOUNDED ON RIGID CONSERVATIVE PRINCIPLES. HE'S ALSO SAI'S SUPERIOR.

HIS NAME IS DANZO, AND HE'S THE LEADER OF A HARD-LINE MARTIAL FACTION...

SOMEONE WHO, LONG AGO, COMPETED WITH THE LATE MASTER SARUTOBI OVER THE SEAT OF THIRD HOKAGE.

.....

AS I'M A STUDENT OF THE MODERATE THIRD HOKAGE, AND GRANDAUGHTER OF THE FIRST HOKAGE, HE ACTIVELY DESPISES ME...

COLORED MANGA.COM

WHO IS HE...?!

COMMANDER YAMATO, ARE YOU FAMILIAR WITH A MAN CALLED DANZO...?

I DO KNOW HIM...

...HE'S A MEMBER OF THE HAWK FACTION THAT ONCE OPPOSED THE THIRD HOKAGE...

DANZO MAY BE PLOTTING SOMETHING ...

...USING SAI...

A GEEZER WHO IS SAI'S SUPERIOR ...

...AND DOESN'T THINK HIGHLY OF THE THIRD HOKAGE'S LEGACY.

IT'S POSSIBLE ...

...SAI RECEIVED ORDERS FROM DANZO...

...TO CARRY OUT SOME TOP-SECRET MISSION SEPARATE FROM OURS...

...?

COLORED
NARUTO MANGA.COM

.....

THAT'S RIGHT...

YOU MEAN ALL THIS TIME...

...SAI'S BEEN A DOUBLE AGENT, JUST WAITING FOR THE CHANCE TO CARRY OUT SOME TOTALLY DIFFERENT MISSION?

?

THIS IS A WILD GUESS...

...BUT SINCE IT'S NOT COMPLETELY OUT OF THE QUESTION, LISTEN CLOSELY.

DANZO MAY BE PLANNING TO DESTROY KONOHA.

COLORED NARUTO MANGA.COM

...TO GET HIM TO ATTACK KONOHA, ONCE MORE, IN ORDER TO OVERTHROW LADY TSUNADE.

HE MAY BE TRYING TO CONSPIRE WITH OROCHIMARU...

WHAT?!

...BECAUSE HAVING SEEN OROCHIMARU FAIL DURING HIS PREVIOUS INVASION...

...HE FEELS HE'S IN A SUPERIOR POSITION TO NEGOTIATE.

DANZO IS PROBABLY MAKING HIS MOVE NOW...

AFTER THE CURRENT REGIME HAS FALLEN, HE WOULD REBUILD THE VILLAGE AS HE ENVISIONS...

...AND INSTALL HIMSELF AS THE HOKAGE...!

...MAY BE TO JOIN OROCHIMARU'S RANKS... AND BECOME THE CONDUIT BETWEEN HIM AND DANZO.

...N...NO WAY...

...YOU MEAN SAI'S TOP-SECRET MISSION ...

COLORED
MANGA.COM

*SHOOM

*SHOOM SHOOM

I KNOW... WE'RE BEING TAILED.

LORD OROCHI-MARU...

HOW DO *YOU* SUGGEST WE PROCEED ...?

.....!

MIGHT BE MERE PURSUIT... OR IT MIGHT BE A TRAP...

COLORED MANGA.COM

EITHER WAY, I BELIEVE A CORPSE IS IN ORDER...

...WOULDN'T YOU AGREE, KABUTO?

DEPENDING ON THE SITUATION...

...WE MAY HAVE TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT SAI...

*CRUNCH...

RIGHT NOW, MY DOPPEL-GANGER IS PURSUING THEM...

...BUT I DON'T KNOW WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN...

.....

.....

COLORED BY NARUTOMANGA.COM

...SO WE NEED TO GET MOVING. IMMEDIATELY.

HUH...?

!?

ガラ...

WHOOOA...

LET'S...

ALL RIGHT!

CRACK

HE HASN'T FULLY RECOVERED FROM ALL THE DAMAGE...

*FFP

NARUTO! WAKE UP! NARUTO!

NARUTO ?!

*FUMP

COLORED MANGA.COM

...BUT WITH NARUTO ON THIS STATE...

I KNOW TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE...

.....

*GRRR

KAKASHI-SENSEI WOULD NEVER...!

!

THEN WE'LL HAVE TO LEAVE HIM BEHIND.

HE SHOULD AT LEAST HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH TO GET BACK TO THE VILLAGE ON HIS OWN.

...I KNOW WHAT HE'S LIKE.

LOOK, I'VE BEEN TEAMED WITH KAKASHI BEFORE, IN THE BLACK OPS...

.....

!

...I CAN KEEP UP...!

S'OKAY, SAKURA... I'M FINE, I SWEAR...

COLORED
NARUSANGA.COM

I'M NOT THE TYPE TO LAUGH AND SAY...

I WOULD NEVER LET YOU GUYS GET HURT!

I MAY BE HIS SUBSTITUTE...

...BUT I'M NOT HIM.

IF WE FALTER HERE, IT'S ALL OVER.

THERE ARE NO SECOND CHANCES WHEN IT COMES TO OROCHI-MARU.

IF WE DON'T CHASE AFTER THEM NOW, WE'LL NEVER CATCH OROCHI-MARU.

YOU'RE FULL-FLEDGED SHINOBI THAT MUST ONE DAY SURPASS KAKASHI AND BEAR KONOHA ON YOUR SHOULDERS.

THERE IS A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN COMPASSION AND CODDLING.

YOU TWO ARE NO LONGER APPRENTICE NINJA THAT NEED TO BE PROTECTED.

.....

.....

SAKURA...

.....

*FWP

COLORED MANGA.COM

!

...I KNOW.

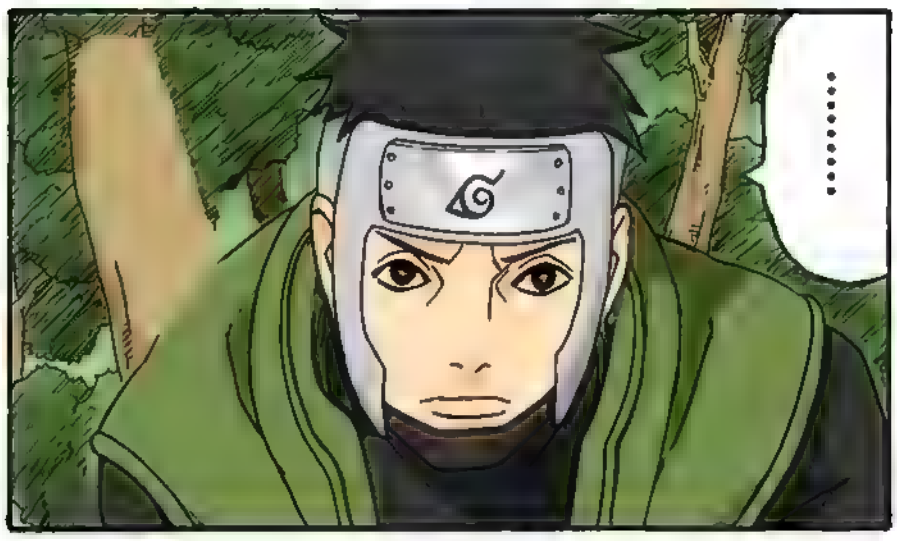
*SHOOM

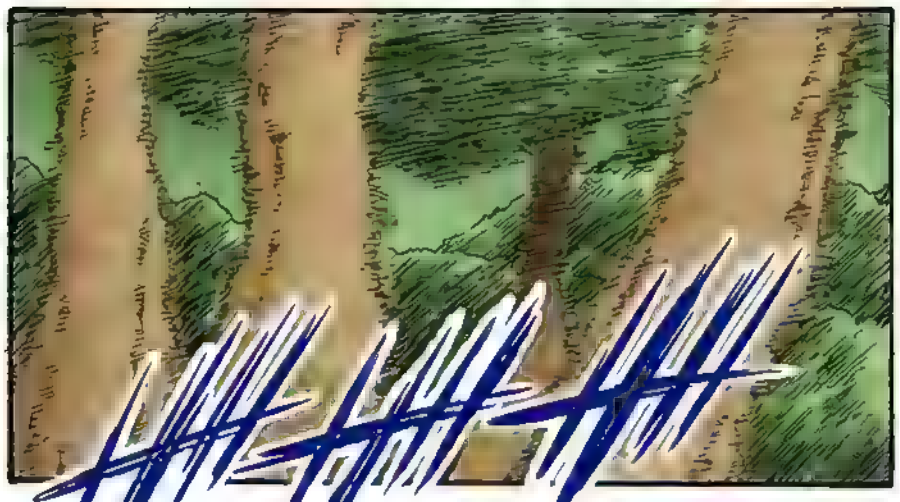
THAT'S...!!

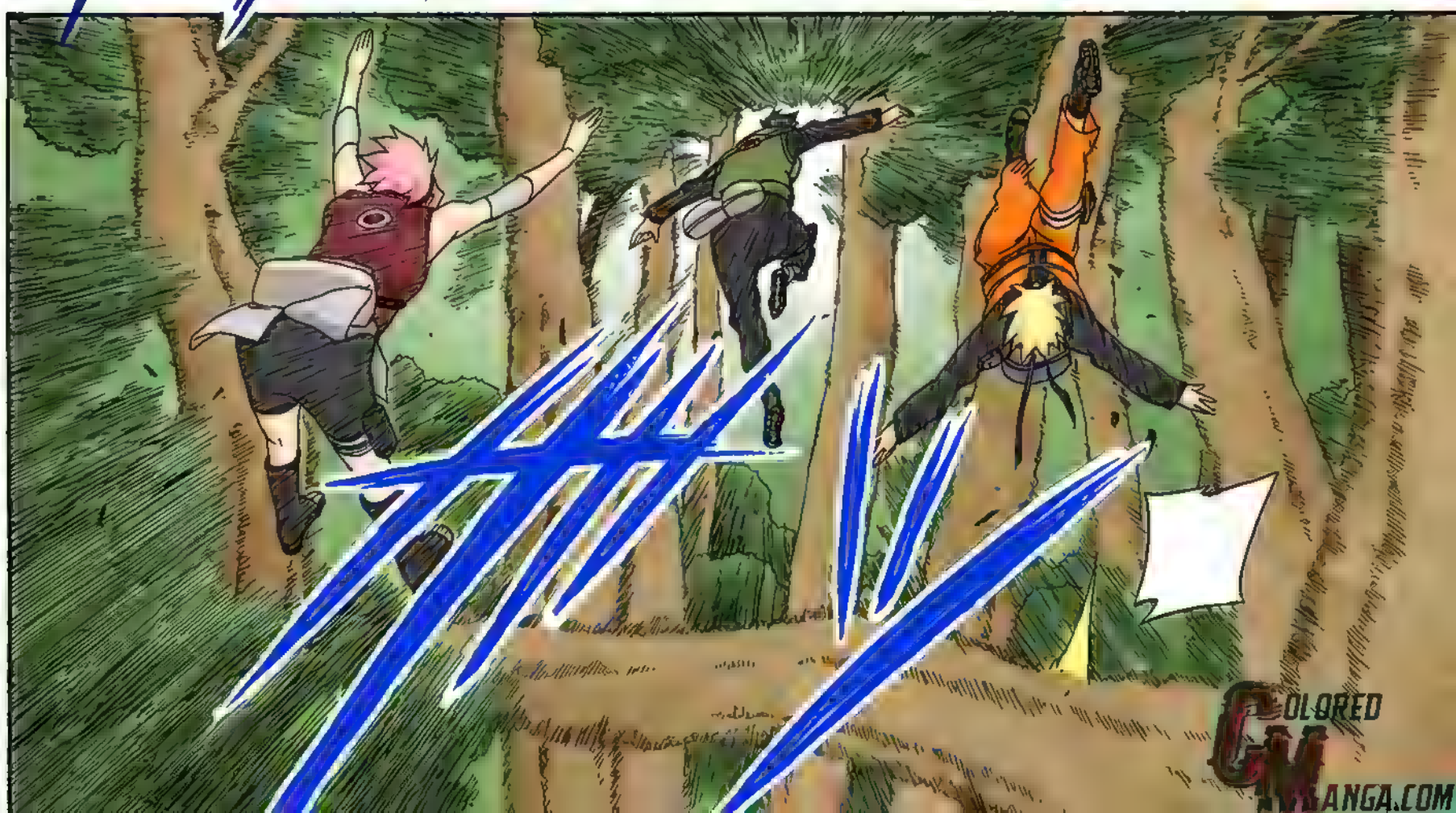
COLORED MANGA.COM

299: THE SOURCE OF STRENGTH...!!

COLORED MANGA.COM


.....


HHHHH


COLORED
MANGA.COM

*BABUM

UNH...!

SLIP...

FAP

!?

TUMBLE

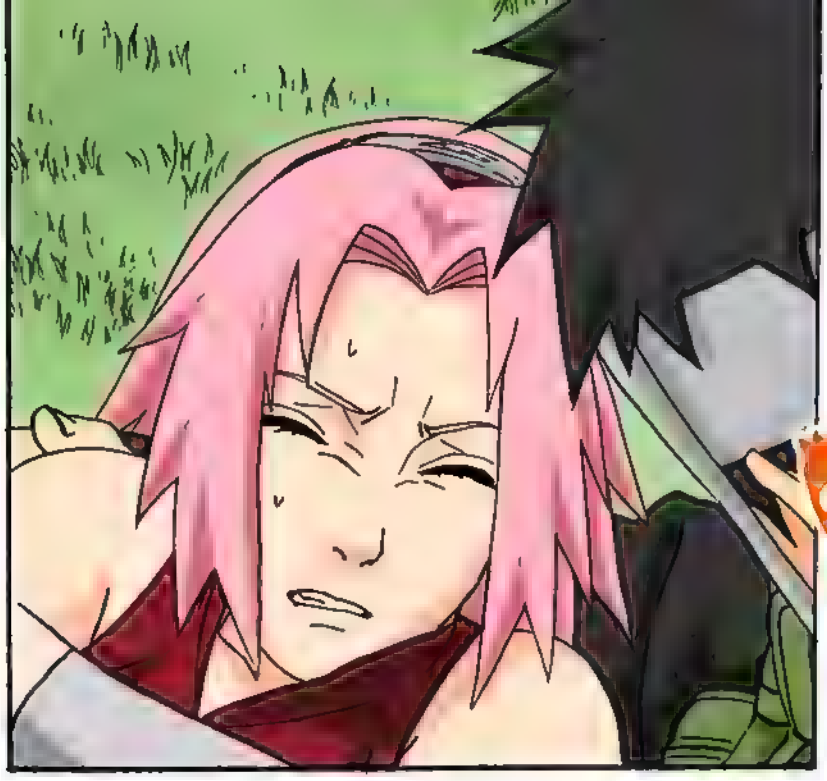
!

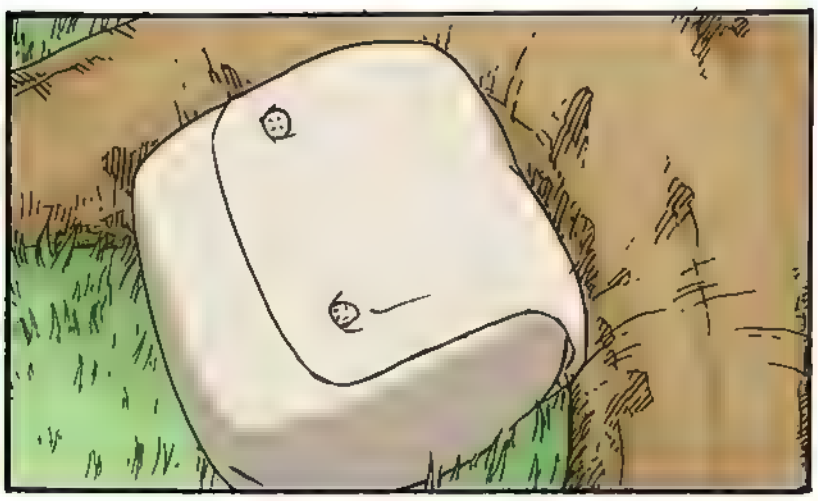
*HHSSH

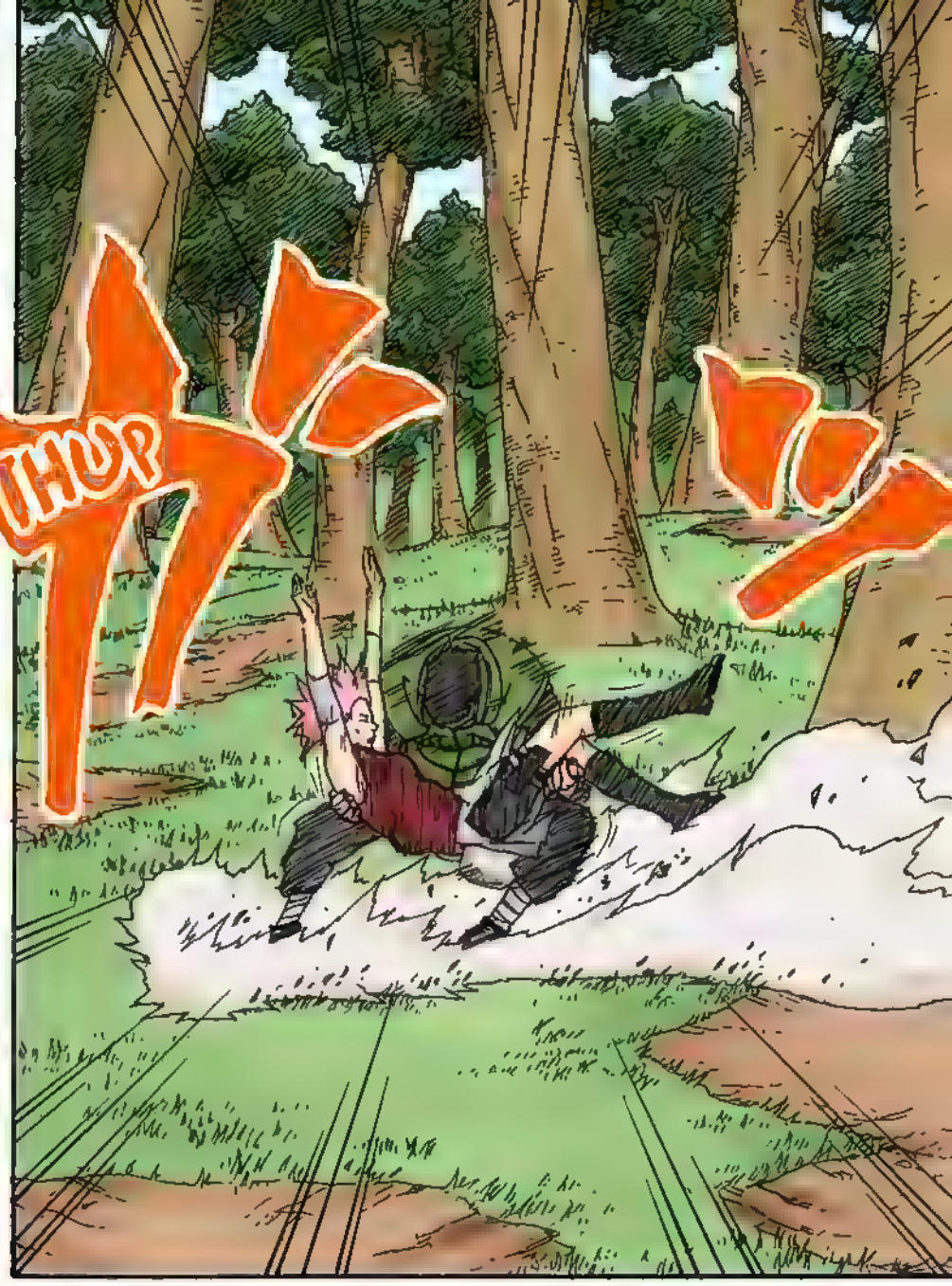
SAKURA!

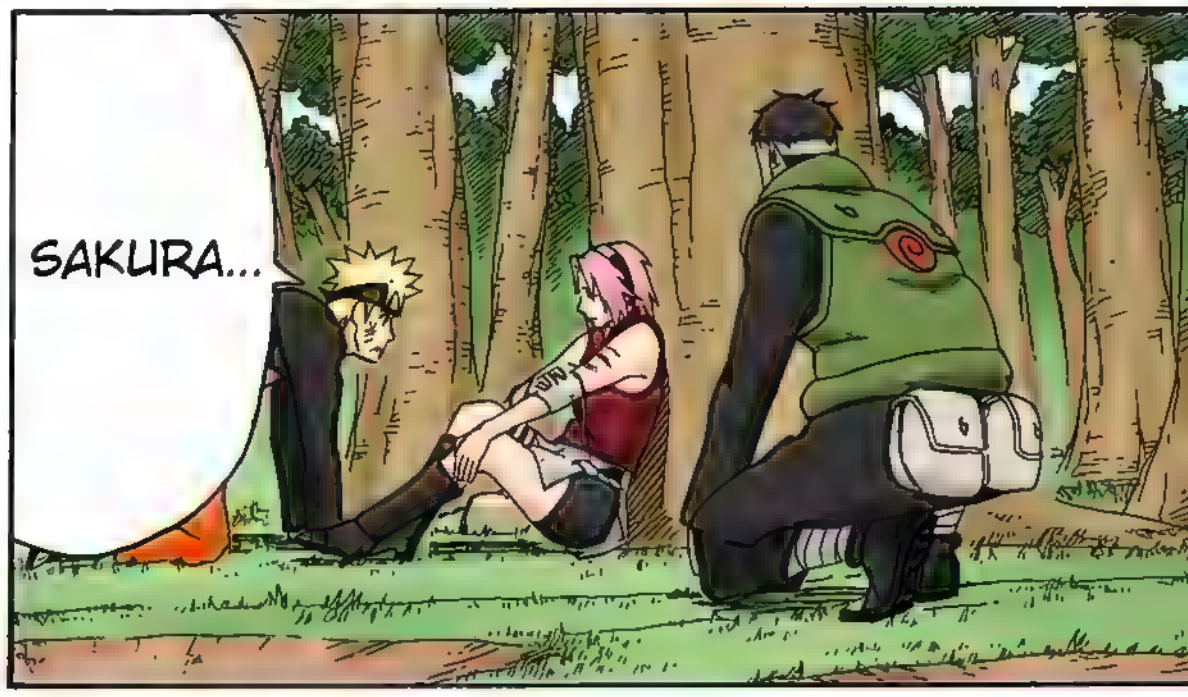
WHSSH

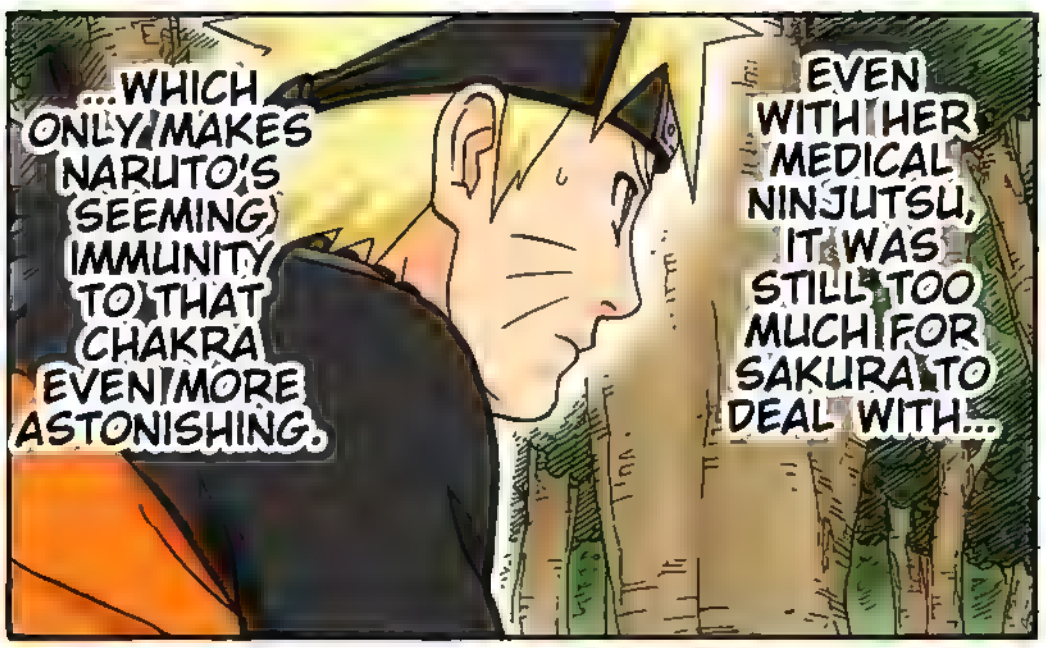
COLORED MANGA.COM

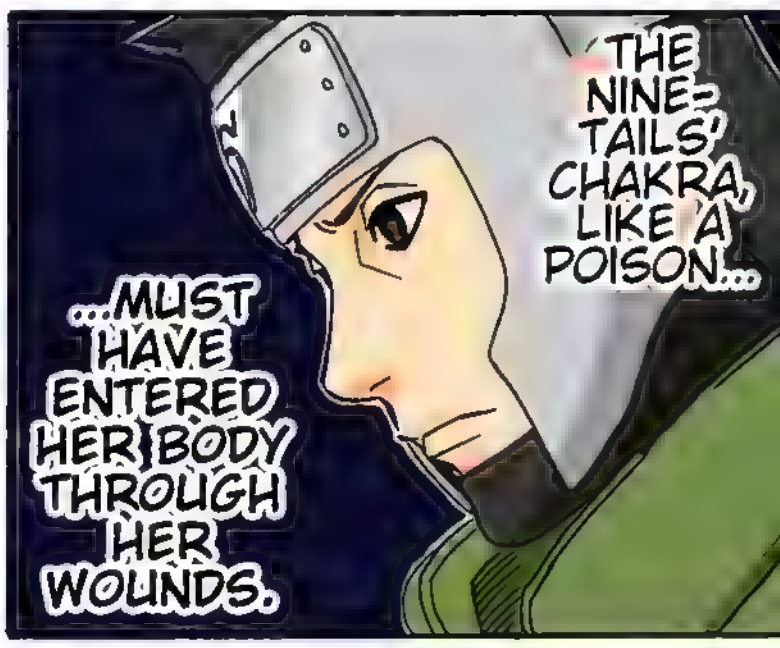









...WHICH ONLY MAKES NARUTO'S (SEEMING) IMMUNITY TO THAT CHAKRA EVEN MORE ASTONISHING.
EVEN WITH HER MEDICAL NINJUTSU, IT WAS STILL TOO MUCH FOR SAKURA TO DEAL WITH...



COLORED MANGA.COM

.....

.....

TH... THESE ARE...

...

SAKURA

...DON'T OVERDO IT...

...BUT THEY ONLY HURT A LITTLE NOW... SO DON'T WORRY, I'M FINE.

...WOUNDS OROCHIMARU INFLICTED EARLIER...

SAKURA IS OUR ONE AND ONLY MEDIC NINJA...

...WE NEED HER HALE AND HEARTY FOR OUR MISSION TO SUCCEED.

...LET'S TAKE A BREAK.

.....

COLORED BY NARUTOMANGA.COM

CHARGING IN RIGHT NOW MIGHT GET THE JOB DONE. BUT BEING RASH AND RECKLESS MOST CERTAINLY WILL NOT.

I KNOW WHAT I SAID, SAKURA...

...BUT IT'S ALSO SAID THAT *HASTE MAKES WASTE.*

WE HAVE TO GET MOVING AGAIN! YOU SAID IT YOURSELF, COM-MANDER...

IF WE FALTER HERE, IT'S ALL OVER!

I SAID I'M FINE...!

AND SINCE WE HAVE A MOMENT, LET'S WORK OUT OUR ATTACK PATERNS.

COME WITH ME.

NOW THAT SAI'S GONE, YOU'LL BE MY WINGMAN IN BATTLE, NARUTO.

WILL YOU QUIT IT WITH THE **MONSTER STRENGTH** NONSENSE ALREADY!

WE NEED YOU HALE AND HEARTY, LIKE THE COMMANDER SAID!

BESIDES, YOU'RE OUR ONE AND ONLY MONSTER STRENGTH MEDIC NINJA!

I THINK THIS IS FAR ENOUGH.

.....

*HUP HUP...

YES, SIR!

COLORED MANGA.COM

?

OK! SO WHERE DO WE START?

ACTUALLY... BEFORE WE GO INTO THAT...

...THERE'S SOMETHING I NEED TO TELL YOU.

IT WASN'T OROCHIMARU WHO HURT SAKURA EARLIER, NARUTO...

...IT WAS ***YOU.***

CRUNCH

COLORED
MANGA.COM

.....

.....!

THAT'S RIGHT... I FORGOT...

ゴソゴソ

*TkTkTkTk

...REALLY DON'T REMEMBER A THING...?

NARUTO, YOU...

COLORED BY MANGA.COM

YES, IT WAS ALL YOU...

SO THEN... THAT BRIDGE... AND THAT GOUGED-OUT TERRAIN...

...AND SAKURA'S WOUNDS...

.....

.....

SAKURA LIED... TO PROTECT YOU FROM THE TRUTH.

...I CAN ONLY HELP YOU WHEN I'M NEARBY.

SO YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT THAT.

LOOK, THAT NINE-TAILS CHAKRA OF YOURS... I HAVE A SPECIAL POWER THAT ENABLES ME TO SUPPRESS JINCHURIKI.

...JUST ...

...BUT THERE'S A REASON I DID..

IN OTHER WORDS, I DIDN'T ***HAVE*** TO TELL YOU ALL THIS RIGHT NOW...

COLORED BY NARUTOMANGA.COM

THE MORE YOU USE IT, THE MORE YOU WILL HURT NOT ONLY YOURSELF...

...BUT ALSO THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU... THOSE YOU CARE FOR... YOUR FRIENDS...

...JUST LIKE YOU DID TODAY.

...BUT YOU CAN'T DEPEND ON IT...

...BECAUSE IT'S NOT REALLY ***YOUR*** POWER.

USING THE NINE-TAILS' POWER...

...MIGHT GIVE YOU A SHORT-CUT TO RESCUING SASUKE...

STARTING NOW, I'M GOING TO COMPLETELY SUPPRESS THE NINE-TAILS' POWER.

BUT DON'T THINK THAT THAT'S GOING TO MAKE YOU WEAK.

I KNOW YOU'VE STARTED BECOMING AWARE OF IT.

BUT THE REASON YOU DIDN'T STOP THE POWER FROM LEAKING OUT...

...IS BECAUSE YOU **ENJOYED** THE RUSH IT GAVE YOU. DIDN'T YOU?

.....

I BELIEVE YOU'RE PLENTY STRONG ENOUGH ON YOUR OWN, EVEN WITHOUT ANY OUTSIDE HELP.

ABOUT TIME YOU STARTED BELIEVING IT TOO...

COLORED
NARUTOMANGA.COM

THE SOURCE OF YOUR STRENGTH IS NOT THE NINE-TAILS' CHAKRA...

...BUT YOUR OWN...

...WHICH CAN KEEP TOGETHER THE FORMIDABLE ENERGY OF THE FOX SPIRIT.

IF YOU WANT TO HELP SASUKE, DO IT USING YOUR OWN POWER.

IF YOU WANT TO PROTECT SAKURA, DO IT WITH YOUR OWN STRENGTH.

.....

SEE YOURSELF WITH THE CLARITY OF VISION YOU ALREADY POSSESS...

...NOT WITH THE EYES OF THE NINE-TAILS.

COLORED MANGA.COM

YES!

COLORED MANGA.COM

SPLASH

SPLASH

SPLASH

BUT I MUST SAY, THAT WAS A SPLENDID PLACE OF WORK, AS ALWAYS...

...KABUTO.

WE CAN NEVER BE TOO CAUTIOUS...

IT SEEMS OUR PURSUER HAS HALTED...

...DOES THAT MEAN OUR RUSE WORKED?

!.....

...WHICH REMINDS ME...

WITH YOUR GUIDANCE, I'VE NOW CREATED COUNTLESS CORPSES.

I OWE IT ALL TO YOU, LORD OROCHIMARU.

SPLASH SPLASH

COLORED
MANGA.COM

WHEN HE'S NOT TO BUSY RELAYING INFORMATION BACK TO DANZO, OF COURSE...

CAN WE HAVE THAT CHILD HELP US WITH THE EXPERIMENTS?

バシャ *SPLASH

*SPLASH SPLASH バシャバシャ

.....

HUMPH...

...DO AS YOU LIKE.

...PROBABLY KABUTO'S DOING...

IT IS A FORGED CORPSE...

COLORED MANGA.COM

...AND I WAS SO CONFIDENT... MEANS I NEED TO BE EVEN MORE DISCREET FROM HERE ON OUT...

I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY PICKED UP ON MY PURSUIT SO QUICKLY...

...IF NOT FOR THAT, I WOULD HAVE BEEN FOOLED.

FAINT TRACE OF SUTURES ON THE HEAD...

SHOOM*

WHAT... IS THIS...?

.....

COLORED MANGA.COM

THIS BOOK...

COLORED MANGA.COM

HEY, ARE YOU LISTENING...?!

BOTH OF YOU, COME HERE!

?

ALL RIGHT, SO IN THIS SITUATION ...

HEY!

THAT'S SAI'S...!

NOW!

?

ズ!?!?ズ

.....

IF HE DREW THOSE... WE ARE IN ***SERIOUS*** TROUBLE...

COLORED MANGA.COM